



Justices seem ready to OK asking citizenship on census

Immigration activists rally outside the Supreme Court as the justices hear arguments over the Trump administration's plan to ask about citizenship on the 2020 census, in Washington, Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

By MARK SHERMAN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite evidence that millions of Hispanics and immigrants could go uncounted, the Supreme Court's conservative majority seemed ready Tuesday to uphold the Trump administration's plan to inquire about U.S. citizenship on the 2020 census in a case that could affect American elections for the next decade.

There appeared to be a clear divide between the court's liberal and conservative justices in arguments in a case that could affect how many seats states have in the House of Representatives and their share of federal dollars over the next 10 years. States with a large number of immigrants tend to vote Democratic.

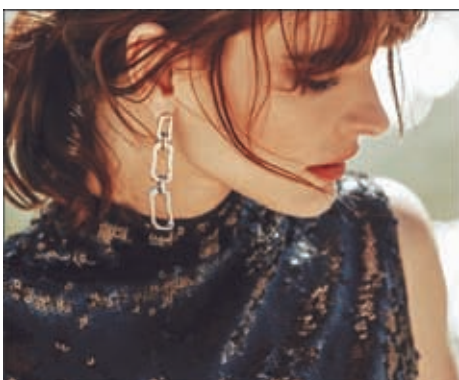
Three lower courts have so far blocked the plan to ask every U.S.

resident about citizenship in the census, finding that the question would discourage many immigrants from being counted. Two of the three judges also ruled that asking if people are citizens would violate the provision of the Constitution that calls for a count of the population, regardless of citizenship status, every 10 years. The last time the question was included on the census form sent to every

American household was 1950. Three conservative justices, Samuel Alito, Neil Gorsuch and Clarence Thomas, had expressed skepticism about the challenge to the question in earlier stages of the case, but Chief Justice John Roberts and Brett Kavanaugh had been silent, possibly suggesting a willingness to disrupt the administration's plan.

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However, over 80 minutes in a packed courtroom, neither Roberts nor Kavanaugh appeared to share the concern of the lower court judges who ruled against the administration. Kavanaugh, the court's newest member and an appointee of President Donald Trump, suggested Congress could change the law if it so concerned that the accuracy of the once-a-decade population count will suffer. "Why doesn't Congress prohibit the asking of the citizenship question?" Kavanaugh asked near the end of the morning session.

Kavanaugh and the other conservatives were mostly silent when Solicitor General Noel Francisco, the administration's top Supreme Court lawyer, defended Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross' decision to add the citizenship question. Ross has said the Justice Department wanted the citizenship data, the detailed information it would produce on where eligible



New York State Attorney General Letitia James, center, flanked by Dale Ho, left, an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union, and New York City Census Director Julie Menin, speaks to reporters after the Supreme Court heard arguments over the Trump administration's plan to ask about citizenship on the 2020 census, in Washington, Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

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Rights Act. Lower courts found that Ross' explanation was a pretext for adding the question, noting that he had consulted early in his tenure with Stephen Bannon, Trump's former top political adviser and immigration hardliner Kris Kobach, the former Kansas secretary of state.

The liberal justices peppered Francisco with questions about the administration plan, but they would lack the votes to stop it without support from at least one conservative justice.

"This is a solution in search of a problem," Justice Sonia Sotomayor, the court's lone Hispanic member, said of Ross' decision.

Justice Elena Kagan chimed in that "you can't read this record without sensing that this need was a contrived one."

Roberts appeared to have a different view of the information the citizenship question would produce.

"You think it wouldn't help voting rights enforcement?" Roberts asked New York Solicitor General Bar-

bara Underwood, who was representing states and cities that sued over Ross' decision.

Underwood and American Civil Liberties Union lawyer Dale Ho said the evidence showed the data would be less accurate. Including a citizenship question would "harm the secretary's stated purpose of Voting Rights Act enforcement," Ho said. Census Bureau experts have concluded that the census would produce a more accurate picture of the U.S. population without a citizenship question because people might be reluctant to say if they or others in their households are not citizens. Federal law requires people to complete the census accurately and fully.

The Supreme Court is hearing the case on a tight timeframe, even though no federal appeals court has yet to weigh in. A decision is expected by late June, in time to print census forms for the April 2020 population count.

The administration argues that the commerce secre-

tary has wide discretion in designing the census questionnaire and that courts should not be second-guessing his action. States, cities and rights groups that sued over the issue don't even have the right to go into federal court, the administration says. It also says the citizenship question is plainly constitutional because it has been asked on many past censuses and continues to be used on smaller, annual population surveys.

Gorsuch, also a Trump appointee, also noted that many other countries include citizenship questions on their censuses.

Douglas Letter, a lawyer representing the House of Representatives, said the census is critically important to the House, which apportions its seats among the states based on the results. "Anything that undermines the accuracy of the actual enumeration is immediately a problem," Letter said, quoting from the provision of the Constitution that mandates a decennial census. □

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Feds: Ex-CEO is first drug exec indicted in opioid crisis



An investigator with the US Attorney for the Southern District of New York, stands next to a chart during a news conference announcing charges against Rochester Drug Co-Operative Laurence Doud III, Tuesday, April 23, 2019, in New York.

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By MICHAEL R. SISAK
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The former head of a drug distributor has been indicted on what federal prosecutors say are the first criminal charges against a drug company executive to stem from the opioid crisis. The indictment unsealed Tuesday alleges former Rochester Drug Co-Operative CEO Laurence Doud III ordered subordinates to ignore red flags about certain pharmacy customers to maximize company revenues and his own pay, which more than doubled between 2012 and 2016 as the company's sales of drugs like oxycodone and fentanyl skyrocketed.

Doud, 75, surrendered to authorities in New York City and is awaiting arraignment on two counts of conspiracy. His lawyer said he would fight the charges. If convicted, he faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in prison, U.S. Attorney Geoffrey Ber-

man said. Rochester Drug Co-Operative and another former executive were also charged. The company entered into a deferred prosecution agreement, and former compliance chief William Pietruszewski reached a cooperation agreement. "This prosecution is the first of its kind: Executives of a pharmaceutical distributor and the distributor itself have been charged with drug trafficking — trafficking the same drugs that are fueling the opioid epidemic that is ravaging this country," Berman said. Doud and other top executives "made the deliberate decision" not to investigate, monitor or alert federal regulators about pharmacy customers they knew were providing opioids to people who wanted them for non-medical uses, the indictment alleges.

Rochester Drug Co-Operative's oxycodone sales increased by 800% and its fentanyl sales jumped by 2,000% between 2012 and

2016, Berman said. During the same period, the company's internal compliance office flagged 8,300 orders but reported just four to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

The company is one of the

nation's ten largest distributors of pharmaceutical products, with over 1,300 pharmacy customers and over \$1 billion in revenue per year. The company says the vast majority of its customers are small, inde-

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Kushner plays down Russia's interference in 2016 election

By JONATHAN LEMIRE
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — White House senior adviser Jared Kushner said Tuesday the investigations into Russia's interference in the 2016 presidential election "had a much harder impact on our democracy" than what Russia actually did. Mere days after Americans read a redacted version of special counsel Robert Mueller's report on the election meddling, Kushner minimized Russia's involvement by describing it as "buying some Facebook ads to try to sow dissent." "Quite frankly, the whole thing's just a big distraction for the country," Kushner, the president's son-in-law, said in a rare public appearance at the Time 100 Summit.

Kushner continued: "It's a terrible thing, but I think the investigations and all the speculation that happened for the past two years has had a much harsher impact on democracy than a couple Facebook ads." Mueller's report concluded that the Russian gov-



Jared Kushner, Senior Adviser to President Donald Trump, speaks during the TIME 100 Summit, in New York, Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

ernment interfered in the 2016 presidential election "in sweeping and systematic fashion" and that its efforts were designed to help Trump. Kushner, who has one of the most influential voices inside the White House, has at times been viewed as a moderating force yet he echoed his father-in-law's hardline

stance that the probe was hoax perpetuated by the president's foes. Kushner, in his first comments since the redacted version was released last week, said the Trump campaign spent far more on Facebook ads in a matter of hours than the Russians did over the course of the election.

"So if you look at the magnitude of what they did and what they accomplished, I think the ensuing investigations have been way more harmful to our country," said Kushner, who helped lead his father-in-law's upstart campaign. Kushner was present in the June 2016 Trump Tower meeting with Donald

Trump Jr. and campaign chairman Paul Manafort when a Kremlin-connected lawyer offered dirt on rival Hillary Clinton's campaign. But Kushner said he texted an aide to get him out of the meeting because he found it unhelpful. When asked Tuesday why the Trump campaign did not reject Russian attempts to get close to the campaign, Kushner said, "We didn't know that Russia was doing what they were doing." "The notion of what they were doing didn't even register to us as being impactful," he said. "When the whole notion of the Russian collusion narrative came up, I was the first person to say 'I'm happy to participate with any investigations.' I thought the whole thing was kind of nonsense, to be honest with you." Shortly after Kushner's interview, which was broadcast online, President Donald Trump took to Twitter to praise his son-in-law. "Great interview by Jared," the president wrote. "Nice to have extraordinarily smart people serving our Country!" □

Hillary Clinton: Mueller report is beginning, not the end



Hillary Clinton speaks during the TIME 100 Summit, in New York, Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Special counsel Robert Mueller's report is only the beginning of a reckoning on election meddling, not the end, and "raises some serious questions," Hillary Clinton said Tuesday. The former Democratic presidential candidate stopped short of calling for immediate impeachment proceedings, however, and said Congress should instead conduct a serious analysis of whether President Donald Trump committed high crimes and

misdemeanors. If elected officials believe that he did, "then I think it is the obligation of Congress to put forward the articles of impeachment," Clinton said at an appearance in New York City for the Time 100 Summit, where she called for the full, unredacted report to be released. She said an analysis "should be something undertaken in a really serious way based on evidence," and not a preordained conclusion for partisan political reasons.

She likened it to her experience as a young attorney working on the case for the impeachment against Richard Nixon, which she said won the trust and confidence of the public with its professionalism and non-partisanship. Clinton also said the Department of Justice's stance that a sitting president can't be indicted benefited Trump. "I think there's enough there that any other person who had engaged in those acts would certainly have been indicted," she said. □

Planned Parenthood: States should oppose Trump 'gag rule'

By BRIAN WITTE
Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — It's time for states with leaders who support abortion rights to go on the offensive against Trump administration attempts to restrict abortion that would reduce access to health care, the president of Planned Parenthood said Tuesday.

"States are a critical backstop at a time when we have the Trump-Pence administration stripping away women's health and rights and when we cannot depend on the Supreme Court," said Dr. Leana Wen. She spoke in an interview ahead of a keynote speech she's scheduled to give in Baltimore this week about an administration proposal to prohibit family planning clinics funded by the government's Title X program from making abortion referrals. Opponents are calling it a "gag rule."

The rule is set to take effect next week, unless the courts intervene. Attorneys general in 20 mostly Democrat-controlled states, including Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, are leading a lawsuit challenging the rule.

"With all our champions and supporters, this is the time to be going on the offensive where we can," said Wen, a physician who is Baltimore's former health commissioner.

Wen cited Maryland as a leader among states opposing the rule. Earlier this month, Maryland became

the first state to pass a measure that would end participation in the program if the rule takes effect. Maryland's legislature is controlled by Democrats, and the bill now goes to Republican Gov. Larry Hogan. A Hogan spokesman says the governor will review the bill when it officially reaches his desk. A Maryland law from 2017 would provide state funds for family planning. The Democrat-controlled Massachusetts House and Senate this month also approved state money to offset the potential loss of federal funding due to the rule change, a measure signed by Republican Gov. Charlie Baker.

Meanwhile, Republican-leaning states have been working to start new legal battles that could prompt the U.S. Supreme Court to revisit its 1973 decision that legalized abortion.

Alabama has introduced legislation that would make performing an abortion at any state of pregnancy a felony unless the mother's health is in jeopardy. Kentucky and Mississippi have approved bans on abortion once the fetal heartbeat is detected, which happens as soon as the sixth week of pregnancy.

On Monday, the Tennessee General Assembly approved a proposal that would effectively outlaw most abortions in that state, if the U.S. Supreme Court overturns *Roe v. Wade*.

Religious conservatives and abortion opponents



In this Aug. 14, 2012 file photo, Dr. Leana Wen stands in the emergency department at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, during her medical residency.

Associated Press

argue that Title X funding has been used to indirectly subsidize Planned Parenthood, the leading abortion provider in the nation. They have welcomed the president's rule change.

Title X family planning clinics get federal funds to provide people with comprehensive family planning and preventative health services, according to a

Health Resources & Services Administration website.

Wen said Title X funding is not used for abortions. The funding is used to provide low-income people with affordable birth control, as well as primary and preventive care, including cancer screenings and HIV tests. She said it would not be acceptable in any other

medical field for doctors not to provide patients with full medical information.

"This is about restricting the practice of medicine," Wen said. "It's about politicians making decisions for doctors and for patients. It's about politicians restricting the ability of doctors to give our patients full and accurate medical information." □



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U.S. expands probe into air bag failures to 12.3M vehicles

By **TOM KRISHER**

AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) — U.S. auto safety regulators have expanded an investigation into malfunctioning air bag controls to include 12.3 million vehicles equipped with bags that may not inflate in a crash. The problem could be responsible for as many as eight deaths.

Vehicles made by Toyota, Honda, Kia, Hyundai, Mitsubishi and Fiat Chrysler from the 2010 through 2019 model years are included in the probe, which was revealed Tuesday in documents posted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. It involves air bag control units made by ZF-TRW that were installed in the vehicles.

The control units can fail in a crash, possibly because of unwanted electrical signals produced by the crash itself that can disable an air bag control circuit housed in the passenger compartment, according to NHTSA documents. The electrical signals can damage the control circuit, the documents say.

ZF, a German auto parts maker which acquired TRW Automotive in 2015, said that it's committed to safety and is cooperating with NHTSA and automakers in the investigation.

The case is another in a long list of problems with auto industry air bags, including faulty and poten-



This undated combination of photos shows clockwise from top left the logos for Toyota, Honda, Kia, Fiat Chrysler, Mitsubishi and Hyundai.

tially deadly Takata air bag inflators. At least 24 people have been killed worldwide and more than 200 injured by the Takata inflators, which can explode with too much force and hurl dangerous shrapnel into the passenger cabin. The inflators touched off the largest series of automotive recalls in U.S. history with as many as 70 million inflators to be recalled by the end of next year. About 100 million inflators are to be recalled worldwide.

On April 19, NHTSA upgraded the ZF-TRW probe from a preliminary evaluation to an engineering analysis, which is a step closer toward seeking recalls. So far, only Hyundai and Kia and Fiat Chrysler have issued recalls in the case. Four deaths that may have been caused by the

problem were reported in Hyundai-Kia vehicles and three in Fiat Chrysler automobiles. NHTSA opened an investigation in March of 2017 involving the TRW parts in Hyundais and Kias. The upgrade came after investigators found two recent serious crashes involving 2018 and 2019 Toyota Corollas in which the air bags did not inflate. One person was killed. Toyota said it's cooperating in the probe, doing its own investigation and will take "any appropriate action."

Jason Levine, executive director of the Center for Auto Safety, a nonprofit consumer group, said the ZF-TRW case shows the auto industry thus far has learned very little from Takata.

"A single supplier of an important safety component provided what appears to

be a defective part across multiple manufacturers and 12 million cars," Levine said. "While the first fatality reports emerged three years ago, it has taken a higher body count for more significant action to be taken by NHTSA and most impacted manufacturers remain silent. The industry needs to do better."

NHTSA said it will take "appropriate action" based on the investigation's findings. In the ZF-TRW investigation documents, NHTSA said that it didn't find any other cases of electrical interference in Hyundai, Kia or Fiat Chrysler vehicles that used the ZF-TRW system but were not recalled. Also, the agency has not identified any other cases of electrical interference in other Toyotas including Corollas, since the company start-

ed using the ZF-TRW parts in the 2011 model year. In addition, no electrical interference cases have been identified in Honda or Mitsubishi vehicles with the same parts, the agency said.

NHTSA will evaluate how susceptible the air bag control units are to electrical signals as well as other factors that could stop air bags from inflating. The agency also "will evaluate whether an unreasonable risk exists that requires further field action."

Last year, Hyundai and Kia recalled nearly 1.1 million vehicles because of the problem, about a year after NHTSA opened its investigation.

Kia vehicles covered included 2010 through 2013 Forte compact cars and 2011 through 2013 Optima midsize cars in the U.S. Also covered are Optima Hybrid and Sedona minivans from 2011 and 2012. Recalled Hyundai vehicles included 2011 through 2013 Sonata midsize cars and the 2011 and 2012 Sonata Hybrid.

In 2016, Fiat Chrysler recalled about 1.9 million vehicles worldwide including the 2010 Chrysler Sebring, the 2011 through 2014 Chrysler 200, the 2010 through 2012 Dodge Caliber, the 2010 through 2014 Dodge Avenger, the 2010 through 2014 Jeep Patriot and Compass and the 2012 and 2013 Lancia Flavia. □

Town keeps playing Smith recording amid racist allegations



In this May 13, 1975, file photo, Kate Smith sings "God Bless America" before an NHL hockey Stanley Cup playoff game between the New York Islanders and the Philadelphia Flyers in Philadelphia.

Associated Press

WILDWOOD, N.J. (AP) —

The mayor of a New Jersey shore town says they keep playing Kate Smith's recording of "God Bless America" on its boardwalk despite allegations of racism against the singer.

Wildwood has traditionally started each day by playing the song.

"It's an Irving Berlin patriotic song that has nothing to do with anything but America," Mayor Ernie Troiano said. "We have no intention of removing it, and it's not a statement that we don't understand what's going on or we're ignorant to the

history, we understand the history."

Troiano said he plans to speak with his cabinet to make sure they all feel as passionate about the issue as he does.

The mayor's comments come as some sports teams, including the New York Yankees and the Philadelphia Flyers, have stopped playing Smith's version of the song amid conflicting claims about several of her tunes, including her 1939 hit "That's Why the Darkies Were Born."

The tune originated in the 1931 Broadway revue

"George White's Scandals," and was considered satire at the time. Smith's likeness also appears in a 1939 ad that heavily uses the mammy caricature, one of the most well-known racist depictions of black women.

Besides taking out Smith's "God Bless America" recording from their library, the Flyers have removed a bronze statue of her that had long stood outside their arena.

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California seeks compromise on rules for shootings by police

By **DON THOMPSON**

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)

— California lawmakers worked to find common ground Tuesday between law enforcement groups and reformers intent on adopting first-in-the-nation standards designed to limit fatal shootings by police.

A state Senate committee tied together a police-backed measure requiring more training with a competing proposal allowing police to kill only if they have exhausted non-lethal efforts to resolve or de-escalate a situation. The fatal police shooting of unarmed vandalism suspect Stephon Clark in Sacramento last year inspired the latter.

"To look at these two bills together is a powerful, powerful combination, from my perspective," said Democratic Sen. Holly Mitchell of Los Angeles.

The move aims to force negotiations between the sides by combining the most progressive elements of each plan. It also may mean no changes will ultimately become law for the second consecutive year, unless the sides can reach agreement on a contentious and highly emotional issue.

"We want to be able to make some change, and it has to be substantive change," said Democratic Sen. Anna Caballero of Salinas, who is sponsoring the police-backed legislation. If the reformer-backed portion fails, "then it all disappears," Caballero said. "And so what this does is it keeps everybody at the



In this April 8, 2019, file photo, Malaki Seku Amen holds up an American flag with the names of people shot and killed by law enforcement officers, as he joins other in support of a bill that would restrict the use of deadly force by police in Sacramento, Calif.

table, negotiating in good faith, trying to work towards a solution."

The police-backed measure would set a national precedent by creating statewide guidelines on when officers can use lethal force and requiring that every officer be trained in ways to avoid opening fire. As part of the compromise effort, Caballero stripped her proposal of a section to enshrine in law current standards that let officers kill if they reasonably believe they or others are in imminent danger. "We clearly have ... many, many, many people up and down the state, and experts, who feel that California's use-of-force standard should be

revised," said Sen. Nancy Skinner, a Democrat from Berkeley who chairs the Senate public safety committee and engineered the surprise development to combine the measures. She said she hopes the committee's move will lead to compromise after listening to dozens of opponents of the original police-backed legislation describe their loved ones' deaths in confrontations with police. They included Theresa Smith, founder of the Law Enforcement Accountability Network, whose son, Caesar Ray Cruz, was killed by Anaheim police nearly a decade ago. Police were told that the 35-year-old

had a gun, and one was found in his vehicle, but he was unarmed when they opened fire in a Walmart parking lot.

"He left behind five boys, who are now having to grow up without their father, not having him there for their birthday or Christmas," she said, her voice cracking. "Police officers shouldn't be shooting people if they're not in imminent danger."

Democratic Assemblywoman Shirley Weber of San Diego, who proposed the tougher restrictions on police, has not yet sat down with law enforcement negotiators, said her spokesman, Joe Kocurek. He did not immediately

comment on the Senate committee's action.

Law enforcement leaders said the proposal they support incorporates best practices from around the country. It would require officers to provide medical help to injured suspects and to report and stop any excessive force they see used by other officers.

The training includes how to better respond to mental health crises, which Protect California president Robert Harris said account for nearly 25% of all fatal officer-involved shootings. Law enforcement groups formed the nonprofit to promote their alternative to changing the legal standard for using force.

The legislation "will set a national precedent by establishing the most comprehensive legislative solution to one of the most critical issues facing America today," said Brian Marvel, president of Peace Officers Research Association of California.

Democratic Sen. Steven Bradford of Compton wasn't persuaded either plan would make much difference. He didn't vote as the combined measure cleared the committee with bipartisan support.

"We're dealing with a racist society, and we want to hide behind all these other laws and anything else," he said. "This is straight about race, and all the training in the world — unless you change your heart and your mind — will not have any effect on how our policing happens in this country." □

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Revulsion in Northern Ireland over riot, fatal shooting

By GREGORY KATZ
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The dramatic riot in Londonderry last week was starkly reminiscent of the violence that plagued Northern Ireland for decades before the 1998 peace agreement. The result was both tragic and familiar: the death of a young journalist, apparently hit by a stray bullet. Here are answers to some questions about the Thursday night riot:

HOW WAS THE JOURNALIST KILLED?

The riot started Thursday evening, after police in Northern Ireland moved into the Creggan housing complex in Londonderry, searching for weapons and members of dissident groups. They were pelted with gasoline bombs and other objects, and several armored police cars were set alight.

The riot attracted a crowd of residents and journalists. At one point, a gunman wearing a balaclava stepped out from behind a



Police forensic officers at the scene in Londonderry, Northern Ireland, Friday April 19, 2019, following the death of 29-year-old journalist Lyra McKee who was shot and killed during overnight rioting.

building, fired shots at the police and then took cover. No police were hit, but a bullet struck 29-year-old journalist Lyra McKee in the head, killing her.

McKee had been well known for writing about the

struggles of growing up gay in Belfast and about the legacy of violence in Northern Ireland. Her funeral is scheduled for Wednesday in Belfast.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR

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HER DEATH?

A small group called the New IRA admitted responsibility Tuesday for the journalist's death and apologized to McKee's partner and family. The unusual apology may be seen as

a response to the overwhelming public condemnation of the shooting and the nearly universal grief at McKee's death.

The New IRA, which has been increasingly violent in recent years, does not accept the Irish Republican Army's historic decision to lay down its arms and pursue a political settlement, a strategy that led to the signing of the 1998 Good Friday peace agreement. The New IRA believes challenging the British presence in Northern Ireland is the best way to achieve its longtime goal of a united Ireland.

WHERE IS THE POLICE INVESTIGATION NOW?

Two teenagers were arrested in the case last weekend but were released without being charged. A 57-year-old woman was arrested under the Terrorism Act on Tuesday morning but has not been identified or charged. Police have not said what role she is suspected of playing. □

France: Far-right claims surface for Macron's ally

Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Nathalie Loiseau, who leads French president Emmanuel Macron's party in the May European Union parliament elections, faced criticism Tuesday after a report that she featured on a list alongside far-right candidates at a student's election 35 years ago.

Mediapart reported Monday that the Former European Affairs minister appeared in sixth position on the candidate list of UED



In this March 20, 2019 file photo, then French Minister of European Affairs Nathalie Loiseau gets into her car as she leaves the weekly cabinet meeting at the Elysee Palace in Paris.

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— a students' union linked to far-right movement GUD — during elections held in 1984 at the Paris Institute of Political Studies, also known as Sciences Po. Loiseau, who has focused on the fight against nationalism, told Mediapart she had not been aware at the time that the other candidates on the same list held far-right views. "If I had identified people from the GUD on this list, obviously I would have refused to appear on it," she said. "I regret

to have been associated with these people." Loiseau's political rivals swiftly criticized Loiseau. Manon Aubry, who heads the European election campaign for the left-wing France Unbowed movement, joked that she was not surprised that Loiseau refuses to debate with the far-right candidate "because it should remind her of her youth." Loiseau later said on Twitter she found "revolting" suggestions that she was close to the far-right. □

Slovenia leader warns EU to counter populism

By JOVANA GEC

Associated Press

LJUBLJANA, Slovenia (AP)

— Slovenia's liberal prime minister, whose government has kept an anti-immigrant party at bay in the small nation, warned on Tuesday that the European Union needs new, more efficient leadership to successfully counter a populist surge and the mounting influence of Russia and China.

Marjan Sarec told The Associated Press in an interview that mainstream European officials and parties have failed to deter right-wing groups, which are slated to make strong gains at next month's European Parliament elections that are seen as important for the future of the bloc.

Populists are advancing in Europe because moderate groups haven't pushed their own agenda actively enough, Sarec insisted.

"In Europe, generally, we have such a situation because the modest parties, modest forces weren't successful with their way of behavior," said Sarec, speaking in English. "If you just sit down and wait what will happen, of course they (populists) will be very loud and they will have a lot of space."



Slovenia's prime minister Marjan Sarec talks to a reporter during an interview with the Associated Press in Ljubljana, Slovenia, Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

A 41-year-old former actor and comedian who took the helm of Slovenia's government after last year's parliamentary elections, Sarec cited prolonged Brexit talks as an example of the EU's slow decision-making even as he said that delaying Britain's departure from the bloc was positive because "it won't be good for anybody."

A new European Commission that will be formed af-

ter the May 23-26 election should be more efficient, less political and more oriented to technical solutions, if it wants to be able to respond to nations such as China or Russia and their economic and political expansion in the continent.

"Brexit is quite good example how things are done in European Union, endless debates, then the date of exit is coming, then we are faced with it and we pro-

long again," he said. "We need another leadership ... we need such leaders that will be proactive that will be more capable of fast decisions."

Political experts say the European Parliament vote could prove to be a tipping point in post-war European politics, if traditional political powerhouses lose support and extremist, populist parties gain more clout.

The votes happen as na-

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tional ballots in each EU country. National political parties with common ideology then unite in EU-wide groups, like the center-right EPP, the center-left S&D Socialists or the liberal, pro-business ALDE.

In Slovenia, Sarec's Marjan Sarec List — a member of ALDE — is facing a challenge from the right-wing Slovenian Democratic Party of former Prime Minister Janez Jansa, who is an ally of Hungarian firebrand Prime Minister Viktor Orban. Jansa won the most votes at last year's parliamentary elections in Slovenia, but Sarec gathered center-left parties to form a minority government, leaving the populists out.

While the European Parliament predicted that mainstream parties will keep control over the European assembly despite the expected significant gains by the right-wing groups, Sarec warned that "elections are always unpredictable" and marred by traditionally low turnout.

"You can never know what will occur on the elections and that's the main problem that we have now," he said. "We can only speculate. We can only guess. We depend on the elections." □

As tensions rise, Bosnian Serb businessman slain in ambush

By SABINA NIKSIC

Associated Press

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP)

— A prominent Bosnian Serb businessman who owns a private security firm was shot dead along with his bodyguard in what local media have described as a mafia-style execution that sparked a shootout.

Slavisa Kronic, who owned several businesses including Sector Security, was shot in his vehicle late Monday as he approached his home outside the northern Bosnian city of Banja Luka. Police said the married 48-year-old father of four was taken to the hospital but died.

Police also said one of the attackers was killed and



Bosnian police officers guard crime scene in Glamocani, near Banja Luka, Bosnia, Tuesday April 23, 2019.

Kronic's driver sustained serious injuries.

Kronic was known as a vocal critic of the ruling Bosnian Serb nationalist party and its hard-line leader, Milorad Dodik. Kronic had

accused Dodik of stoking ethnic tensions in Bosnia to divert attention from his corrupt practices and insisted that companies he owned would hire and serve people of all ethnici-

ties. "We are on the side of the forces that want to build this country and not to destroy it," Kronic said in a recent interview.

Bosnian media identified the slain attacker as Zeljko Kovacevic, describing him as a well-known criminal who should have been serving a 5-year prison sentence for a string of robberies but was free due to a clerical error. Kronic's slaying comes amid growing tensions in Bosnia that have been fueled, among other things, by a recent decision of the country's Serb-run region to establish an auxiliary police force of over 1,000 officers. The decision comes after Bosnian Serbs purchased a large amount of automatic weapons

from Serbia last year. Bosnian Security Minister Dragan Mektic, a member of a Bosnian Serb opposition party and a prominent critic of Dodik's, tweeted Tuesday that Kronic's targeted slaying had the "signature" of the ruling elite all over it. According to stolen diplomatic cables published by WikiLeaks, Kronic told the U.S. embassy in Sarajevo in 2008 that people close to Dodik were pressuring him to sell Sector Security, which employees Bosnians of all ethnic backgrounds, to a private security firm under their control. According to the cable, Kronic speculated that Dodik "wants control over Sector Security's 900 men in uniform." □

Wit and grit: Algeria's sizeable youth lead fight for change

Associated Press

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — They're on the peaceful front line of the protest movement that toppled Algeria's longtime ruler, facing down water cannons with attitude, memes — and fearless calls for shampoo.

Oil-rich Algeria is one of the most youthful countries in the world with two-thirds of the population under 30. They are politically engaged, educated, on social media and funny. And they initiated nationwide protests in mid-February that toppled the only leader they've ever known — former President Abdelaziz Bouteflika, in power since 1999.

"Only Chanel does No. 5," read the placard of a young Algerian protesting against Bouteflika's failed bid for a fifth term. "Love the Way You Lie," read another, referencing Rihanna's hit song. Yet an-



In this Friday, April 12, 2019 photo, young Algerians who are part of soccer fan groups chant songs and slogans during a demonstration against the country's leadership in Algiers, Algeria.

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other, featuring the "Ghostbusters" movie poster, was a humorous rebuke to the infirm 82-year-old who's rarely been seen since a 2013 stroke. And when po-

lice unfurl the water cannons, they start to sing in rhyming Arabic: "Bring me some shampoo and I'll feel good!" A quarter of these under-

30s are out of work, creating a deep well of frustration against the North African country's veteran rulers and the policies that have left them behind.

"I came to protest against this power structure because we, the young people, we are the main victims," said Belkacem Cana, who just turned 30, and works for the local water company on what he described as a miserable salary. "We get diplomas but can't get jobs."

For two decades, Algeria has been ruled by Bouteflika and other survivors of the 1954-1962 War of Independence against colonial power France.

"Algeria's leaders have one foot in the War of Independence and the other foot in the post-colonial period. This is a generational problem. Algeria is a gerontocracy that can't represent the country's majority," said Rachid Tlemcani, political scientist at Algiers University.

Bouteflika had for years used Algeria's oil and gas wealth to fund affordable homes and handouts. □

Iranian parliament labels entire US military as terrorist

By NASSER KARIMI

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iranian lawmakers on Tuesday overwhelmingly approved a bill that labels all U.S. military forces as terrorist, state TV reported, a day after Washington ratcheted up pressure on Tehran by announcing that no country would any longer be exempt from U.S. sanctions if it continues to buy Iranian oil. The bill is a step further from the one last week, when lawmakers approved labelling just U.S. troops in the Middle East as terrorist, in response to the U.S. terrorism designation for Iran's Revolutionary Guard earlier this month.

The Trump administration re-imposed sanctions on Iran, including on its energy sector, last November, after pulling America out of the landmark 2015 nuclear deal between Iran and world powers.

The U.S. designation against Iran's Revolutionary Guard — the first-ever for an entire division of an-



In this picture released by an official website of the office of the Iranian supreme leader, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, meets with Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan in Tehran, Iran, Monday, April 22, 2019.

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other government — added another layer of sanctions to the powerful paramilitary force, making it a crime under U.S. jurisdiction to provide the guard with material support.

On Monday, President

Donald Trump decided to do away with waivers as part of the administration's "maximum pressure" campaign on Iran that aims to eliminate all of its revenue from oil exports that the U.S. says funds destabilizing ac-

tivity throughout the Middle East and beyond.

Hours before Trump's announcement, Iran reiterated its long-running threat to close the Strait of Hormuz if it's prevented from using the crucial waterway in the

Persian Gulf through which about a third of all oil traded at sea passes. The U.S. Navy has in the past accused Iranian patrol boats of harassing American warships in the waterway.

Iran's Foreign Ministry promptly brushed off Trump's move to stop the oil waivers, saying the Islamic Republic "basically has not seen and does not see any worth and validity for the waivers."

But on Tuesday, 173 out of 215 lawmakers at the parliament session in Tehran voted for the new bill. Only four voted against while the rest abstained; the chamber has 290 seats.

The bill confirms Iran's earlier label of the U.S. Central Command, also known as CENTCOM, and all its forces as terrorist. Any military and non-military help, including logistics support, to CENTCOM that can be detrimental to the Revolutionary Guard will be considered a terrorist action, the semi-official ISNA news agency said. □



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North Korea's Kim will go into Putin summit needing a win

By ERIC TALMADGE

Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — When North Korean leader Kim Jong Un meets with Russian President Vladimir Putin for their first one-on-one meeting, he will have a long wish list and a strong desire to notch a win after the failure of his second summit with President Donald Trump. But it's not entirely clear how much Putin can or will oblige.

Despite a relationship that goes back to the very foundation of North Korea, relations between Pyongyang and Moscow haven't always been the picture of comradery, or even particularly close.

A look at what Kim is hoping to get out of his furtive pivot north, and why he might be looking to shake things up as his talks with the U.S. and parallel campaign to win massive investment from South Korea have stalled:

KIM'S WISH LIST

Kim has two urgent concerns as he heads to the summit.

More than 10,000 North Korean laborers still employed in Russia, many working in the logging industry in the Russian Far East, are being kicked out by the end of this year as a 2017 U.N. sanctions resolution takes effect. The laborers, who previously numbered as many as 50,000, have provided a revenue stream estimated by U.S. officials in the hundreds of millions of dollars that the Kim regime would like to keep flowing. Kim is also looking at the possibility of a food shortage this summer. Russia has shown a willingness to provide humanitarian aid and just last month announced that it had shipped more than 2,000 tons of wheat to the North Korean port of



This combination file photo, shows Russian President Vladimir Putin, left, in St. Petersburg, Russia, April 9, 2019, and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in Hanoi, Vietnam, on Feb. 28, 2019.

Associated Press

Chongjin.

But his decision to more actively court Putin undoubtedly goes deeper than that.

Despite all the talk in Washington about denuclearization, Kim's primary concern is improving his country's economy. After the breakdown in his February summit with Trump in Hanoi, his efforts to get out from under sanctions that are keeping him from doing that have reached an impasse.

North Korea has long depended on China as its primary trading partner. But that reliance, and the influence it threatens to give Beijing, makes many officials in Pyongyang nervous. Kim has also pushed Seoul hard to participate in joint inter-Korean projects to rebuild its railroads and improve its moribund infrastructure. His appeal to Korean unity, however, has run headfirst into the South's allegiance to Washington, which has warned Seoul against any actions that would undermine

sanctions.

According to internal documents obtained by a South Korean researcher and published this week in a Japanese newspaper, Kim wants to boost trade with Russia tenfold — to \$1 billion — by 2020.

That would obviously require some significant easing of sanctions, which would seem unlikely. But it would also require a change in Russian behavior.

Unlike China, which has lots of businessmen on the ground in North Korea, Russia has a very small footprint in the North. Officials have long talked about big projects — including rail routes to Europe, or pipelines across the Korean Peninsula — but Putin hasn't shown much interest in actually carrying them out.

WHY NOW?

The Kim-Putin meeting, whose exact date has not been announced, is coming surprisingly late in the game.

It's been nearly a year and a half since Kim announced his plan to emerge from relative isolation at home and expand diplomatic relations with China and South Korea and open denuclearization talks with Washington.

He has since held four summits with Chinese President Xi Jinping, three with South Korean President Moon Jae-in and two with Trump. The summitry has done a lot toward establishing Kim as a serious player on the world stage.

But the Hanoi summit showed his limitations. It ended with no agreements on either denuclearization measures or the lifting of sanctions, which may now be even more difficult to accomplish since both sides are digging in on hard-line negotiation positions.

Kim's decision to meet with Putin now may reflect his frustrations over that.

Putin has more experience with North Korea's leaders than most. He visited

Pyongyang in 2000, and met with Kim's father, Kim Jong Il, in Moscow in 2001 and in Vladivostok in 2002. Former President Dmitry Medvedev also met Kim Jong Il in Vladivostok, in 2011.

Moscow played an instrumental role in bringing Kim's grandfather, Kim Il Sung, to power and helped rebuild the country after the 1950-53 Korean War. Those ties fell apart after the 1991 Soviet collapse and Russia's decision to end support for former Soviet allies amid its own economic meltdown. Like Kim, Putin is no admirer of Washington's use of sanctions as a political tool. Even a cautious statement of solidarity with the North, or a rebuttal of any of Washington's "maximum pressure" policies, would be a win for Kim.

But Putin has a lot on his plate and good reason to be cautious about making any big new commitments. He particularly doesn't want to anger China. Immediately after seeing Kim, Putin will fly to Beijing for a major international meeting on China's "Belt and Road" initiative, which could be lucrative for Russia.

WHAT'S NEXT?

If Putin chooses to take a more hands-on approach to North Korea, Washington's efforts to keep Kim's focus on denuclearization could get a lot more complicated.

He has already expressed his opposition to Trump's sanctions-centric approach. It's also in Putin's general interest to weaken Washington's influence in the region — though, like China, Russia does not want a chaotic collapse in the North that would create a wave of refugees and economic instability. □

Argentines return to Europe to escape economic uncertainty

By **LUIS ANDRES HENAO**

Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina

(AP) — Tomas Ruiz embraced his father one last time at the Buenos Aires airport before he boarded a plane in search of a new life in Ireland. His sister recently did the same when she moved to Spain.

Like many other young Argentines, the siblings hold European passports by descent, and they are returning to the home countries of their grandparents — far from Argentina's sizzling inflation, high unemployment and sharp currency depreciation.

"My country's situation prompted me to take this decision," Ruiz said as he finished packing his bags for his trip to Dublin surrounded by photos of his family and friends on the wall. "It was a constant frustration to live constantly on the edge, barely making it to the end of the month."

Ruiz studied gastronomy and was employed as a cafe manager in Argentina's capital. But even when he worked extra shifts, he couldn't manage to save money, and for months he had been living with his mother to save on rent.

Outside his room, family members left him and his sister farewell messages on a chalkboard. "I love you and I'll miss you," his mother wrote. Others said: "The best is yet to come," and "Carpe diem," Latin for seize the day.

It's not the first time Argentines have sought shelter in Europe in times of economic uncertainty. Hundreds of thousands emigrated to the old continent to escape hyperinflation in the early 1990s and an economic meltdown in 2001 and 2002.

Now, Argentines are losing purchasing power to a nearly 50% annual inflation rate — one of the world's worst. Many have also protested President Mauricio Macri's decision to cut subsidies, leading to a spike in the costs of utilities and public transportation.

Last year, the Argentine peso lost more than half its



Tomas Ruiz pushes his suitcase as he is accompanied by his father Pablo at the International Airport Ministro Pistarini before boarding a plane to Ireland, in Ezeiza, Argentina, Thursday, April 4, 2019.

Associated Press

value to the U.S. dollar following a run on the local currency, causing the government to seek a record \$56 billion bailout loan with the International Monetary Fund to try to come out of the recession.

"As a result of the economic crisis and the devaluation, more young professionals are thinking about a future in Europe," said Alejandro Servide, director of professionals and recruitment process outsourcing at Argentina's branch of Randstad, the world's second-largest staffing company.

As part of the austerity measures aimed at balancing the budget, Macri's administration has laid off thousands of government workers and slashed funding for dance, science and other programs. Hundreds recently protested outside the headquarters of the National Scientific and Technical Research Council, Argentina's main agency for science and technology.

"The science sector is suffering because these budget cuts ordered by Macri endanger the continuity of scientific activity," said Alberto Kornblihtt, a molecular biologist. "This is undoubtedly contributing to a brain drain that we've suffered at other times (of crisis) in our country."

There are no official statis-

tics available on how many Argentines have moved to Europe. Argentina's immigration directorate said it is nearly impossible to keep track of the number because Argentines leaving the country don't have to provide information on their destination or how long they'll stay.

But academics, research groups and consulting firms agree there has been a rise in the number of people leaving, especially among young, educated Argentines — just as there was during the nation's worst crisis 17 years ago.

Back then, millions were plunged into poverty, more than 20 percent of the population became unemployed and many reportedly went hungry in a country that is one world's biggest producers of beef, soy and wheat.

"When Argentina goes through these profound crises, people search for options, and just like it happened in 2001-2002 when nearly 800,000 Argentines went abroad, today we're living through perhaps the initial phase," said Ariel Gonzalez, executive secretary of the Center for International Studies at the Catholic University of Argentina.

"That means that there's a sector of society — the middle and high class pro-

fessionals — who are eyeing a Plan B, which is that if the crisis deepens, one of the options would be to go abroad."

Servide said Randstad Argentina carries out about 160 daily interviews for surveys. One of the questions they ask is whether if given the chance, they would be interested in living abroad. "About 80 percent tell you yes," he said.

Manuel Miglioranza, a 26-year-old lawyer, is moving next month to Toulouse, France. Although he doesn't have dual Argentine-French nationality, he's going to take French lessons and find a job through a temporary work permit allowed through a treaty between the two nations.

"The economic situation in Argentina is not helping. You can't progress unless you work for the state or you have dollars," he said. "I know many people who are leaving."

Millions of Europeans flooded into Argentina in the 19th century to escape war and poverty back home, which has been a source of pride for the country.

"Argentina gave peace to those who were escaping war, freedom to those escaping religious persecution, and bread and work to those escaping hunger," said Horacio Garcia, director of Argentina's National

Migration Directorate.

"Of the last six presidents, four of them were first-generation sons of immigrants," Garcia noted. "Their fathers came to Argentina with a cardboard suitcase, and they saw that their children in a short amount of time became presidents of the nation. That hardly happens anywhere else in the world."

By the 20th century, a strong workforce along with export earnings from agricultural products and beef had helped turn Argentina into one of the wealthiest countries in the world.

Argentines were also among "the most Europeanized and educated people in Latin America," Gabriela Nouzeilles and Graciela Montaldo write in their anthology "The Argentina Reader: History, Culture and Politics."

"Their literacy rate (about 90 percent) was the highest by far. Until 1945, the country boasted the highest per capita income on the continent, the most extensive urbanization, the largest middle class, as well as the best newspapers, universities, and publishing houses."

But political mismanagement and lower prices for agricultural products that form the country's economic backbone have for decades led to cyclical booms and busts.

The Spanish government recently launched an initiative that allows a limited number of descendants of Spaniards living in Argentina without a Spanish passport to seek a special three-month work visa. Once they find a job, they can request Spanish nationality and bring their families. There were 76,328 Argentines officially registered by mid-2018 in Spain. "There are many, many Argentines living here. We're like pigeons — everywhere," quipped Paz Pucheu, an Argentine now living in Spain.

The 25-year-old radio and television announcer went to Barcelona in 2017 when "things got really complicated" in Argentina. □

LOCAL

KING'S DAY



ORANJESTAD – In case you happen to be on vacation in Aruba this coming Saturday you will get the chance to see and feel the love of the Aruban people for their King Willem-Alexander. His birthday will be celebrated and this means that Saturday is a public holiday. There will be festivities all-over the island, flea markets, restaurant specials and for all you will see a lot of the color orange, referring to the color of the Dutch Royal Family, which hails from the House of Orange.

The colors of the official Dutch flag are red, white, and blue. On royal birthdays, the Dutch tricolor is flown with an orange pennant above it. Each year on April 27, Amsterdam — and indeed the entire country — turns orange and because Aruba is part of the Dutch Kingdom, we celebrate along. Aruba is one of the four countries that make up the Kingdom of the Netherlands: The Netherlands, Aruba, Sint Maarten and Curacao.



Willem-Alexander

King Willem-Alexander is the head of state of Aruba and the governor represents the monarch in Aruba. Willem-Alexander was the son of then Princess Beatrix and Prince Claus. He was first in the line of succession since his mother's accession to the throne on April 30, 1980, he also bore the title of prince of Orange. Willem-Alexander married Argentine-born Máxima Zorreguieta (thereafter Princess Máxima) in Amsterdam. On April 30, 2013, Beatrix stepped down, and Willem-Alexander was inaugurated as king of the Netherlands. The couple has three daughters: Catharina-Amalia, Princess of Orange and first in line to the throne, Princess Alexia of the Netherlands, Princess Ariane of the Netherlands.

Let's Celebrate!

There will be numerous sporting events and family-friendly celebrations coming Saturday. Sports competitions, kite flying contests and fun-filled activities are held at various sites including community centers. There will be flea markets and various activities for children during the day at the parking lot of supermarket Superfood, in the Main-street of Oranjestad at ex-Bon Bini Bazaar building, Restaurant Bingo in Noord and at Casibari Café. The celebration kicks off with the Food Truck Festival Aruba starting at 6 PM till 11 PM on Friday 26th and continuing on Saturday 27th. San Nicolas also has her King's Day Celebration. The town has local popular games, creative workshops, cultural discovery tours, art market and much more to offer during the full day. This is just a small part of all that is going on this coming Friday and Saturday. Check out the Facebook page Events for more information. Don't miss these great activities and enjoy your orange fest. □



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Synagogue Beth Israel Aruba hosts wonderful Seder Dinner

ORANJESTAD — Passover, also called Pesach, is a major, biblically derived Jewish holiday. Jews celebrate Passover as a commemoration of their liberation by God from slavery in ancient Egypt and their freedom as a nation under the leadership of Moses. Beth Israel Synagogue is the synagogue of the Aruban Jewish community hosting a Seder Dinner last Friday. Aruba Today felt honored to be invited.

The Seder Dinner experience was for the entire family and that was obvious as families with and without children joined in for the traditional gourmet dinner, inspirational songs and stories. Rabbi Daniel Kripper did a tremendous job welcoming the guests like a father and leading the ritual involving a retelling of the story of the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt. This story is in the Book of Exodus (Shemot) in The Hebrew Bible. During the ceremony he invited children to sing for the audience and the Rabbi also interacted with the present community discussing the role of anti-Semitism in our soci-



ety. Unfortunately it was confirmed by some guests from the United States that to their experience anti-Semitism is growing.

The dinner started with the Seder plate. There are at least five foods that go on it: shank bone (zeroa), egg (beitzah), bitter herbs (maror), vegetable (karpas) and a sweet paste called haroset. Gefilte fish (poached fish dumplings), matzo



ball soup, roast chicken, potato kugel (somewhat like a casserole) and tzimmes, a stew of carrots and prunes, sometimes including potatoes or sweet potatoes were on the menu.

Rabbi Daniel Kripper has been the Rabbi of Beth Israel Aruba since the year 2013. He was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina. His passions are education, Israel and Jewish Heal-



ing. Beth Israel Synagogue is an independent congregation with a liberal style similar to Reform Judaism or Conservative Judaism. The Jewish Community of Aruba (Israelitische Gemeente) shares, since 1962, Beth Israel Synagogue as their place of worship, and cares for their small cemetery on Petronia St., as well as for the old one, nearby. The community received official recognition by the Dutch Kingdom on Dec. 1st., 1956, and Beth Israel Synagogue was inaugurated on Nov. 4, 1962 (Cheshvan 8, 5723.)

The community consists mostly of Jewish immigrants that arrived in Aruba from different parts of the world in the early 20's, and made it their home. After 1924, a large group of Eastern European Jews, mostly from Poland, settled here, together with Jews from Holland and Sephardic families from the previously Dutch colony of Surinam (South America.) □

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Team Aruba prepares for 2019 debut at NHRA Four-Wide Nationals

Union, S.C. — Team owner Ven Eman and driver of the Aruba.com Mustang Trevor Eman have made their way back stateside, traveling from their home country of Aruba to their race shop base in Union, S.C. to prepare for the 2019 race season. Team Aruba is eager to build upon the monumental new foundations laid late last season when Mountain Motor Pro Stock began a relationship with the National Hot Rod Association. Eman and team debuted their new Jerry Haas-built Mustang at the Big Go with positive results, both in on-track performance and NHRA fan reception.



In January, NHRA announced a four event exhibition schedule for Mountain Motor Pro Stock. Team Aruba will compete at the NGK Spark Plugs

NHRA Four-Wide Nationals at zMAX Dragway in North Carolina April 26-28.

"We are looking forward to seeing the Mountain Motor

Pro Stock category more in 2019," said NHRA vice president of competition, Ned Walliser stated in the January announcement. "These drivers are eager to run at NHRA national events and offer an exciting new showcase for fans."

"Last fall was a high point for our team," began Eman. "We debuted a new car, race at the biggest event in drag racing, and I welcomed my second child into the world. We've been itching to get back to the races and see exactly what this Mustang is capable of. We have great confidence in this car and in our team. And now we

have the opportunity to share the One Happy Island we call home with a larger audience than ever before.

This partnership with NHRA is very exciting. We can't wait to get to the Four-Wide Nationals."

Mountain Motor Pro Stock will have a 16 car field in Charlotte. Qualifying will begin on Friday, April 26, with final eliminations on Sunday, April 28.

Follow Team Aruba on Facebook and Twitter. Find race results, team updates, videos and photos. Also leave your comments to cheer on Team Aruba! □

Today's Happening



A weekly calendar with a selection of what's going on in Aruba

Wednesday 24

Windows on Aruba Restaurant

- Looking for something to treat yourself? Try some delicious dishes and cocktails to match it and with a view to die for.
- From 6:00PM-10:30PM
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- Facebook: Windows on Aruba



Thursday 25

Barefoot Beach BBQ

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- From 6:00PM-10:00PM
- Renaissance Ocean Suites
- Facebook: Renaissance Aruba resort & Casino

Friday 26

Food Truck Festival 2019

- Take a bite at every "cuminda di truck", and be surprised what the streets of Aruba have to offer you! Savor the best of Aruba's Food Trucks.
- Starts at 7:00PM
- Plaza Daniel Leo
- Facebook: Eat Local



Saturday 27

Book Fair at the National Library of Aruba

- The National Library is ready to welcome you to their annual book fair. Choose from a big collection of books for kids and adults.
- From 9:00AM-2:00PM
- National Library of Aruba, Oranjestad.
- Facebook: Biblioteca Nacional Aruba



Sunday 28

3rd Edition of Paintball

- Looking for a stress relieving event where you can feel that adrenaline? Well, then paintball is what you are looking for.
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- Facebook: South Beach Sports Aruba

Monday 29

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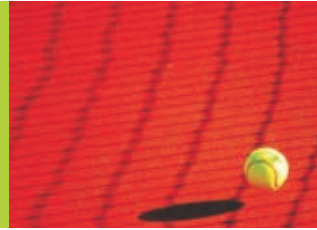


Tuesday 30

Breakfast Buffet at Solanio

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Los Angeles Angels' Mike Trout runs the bases after a double against the Seattle Mariners during the third inning of a baseball game in Anaheim, Calif., Sunday, April 21, 2019.
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APNewsBreak: 2019 MLB Payrolls drop due to signing bonuses

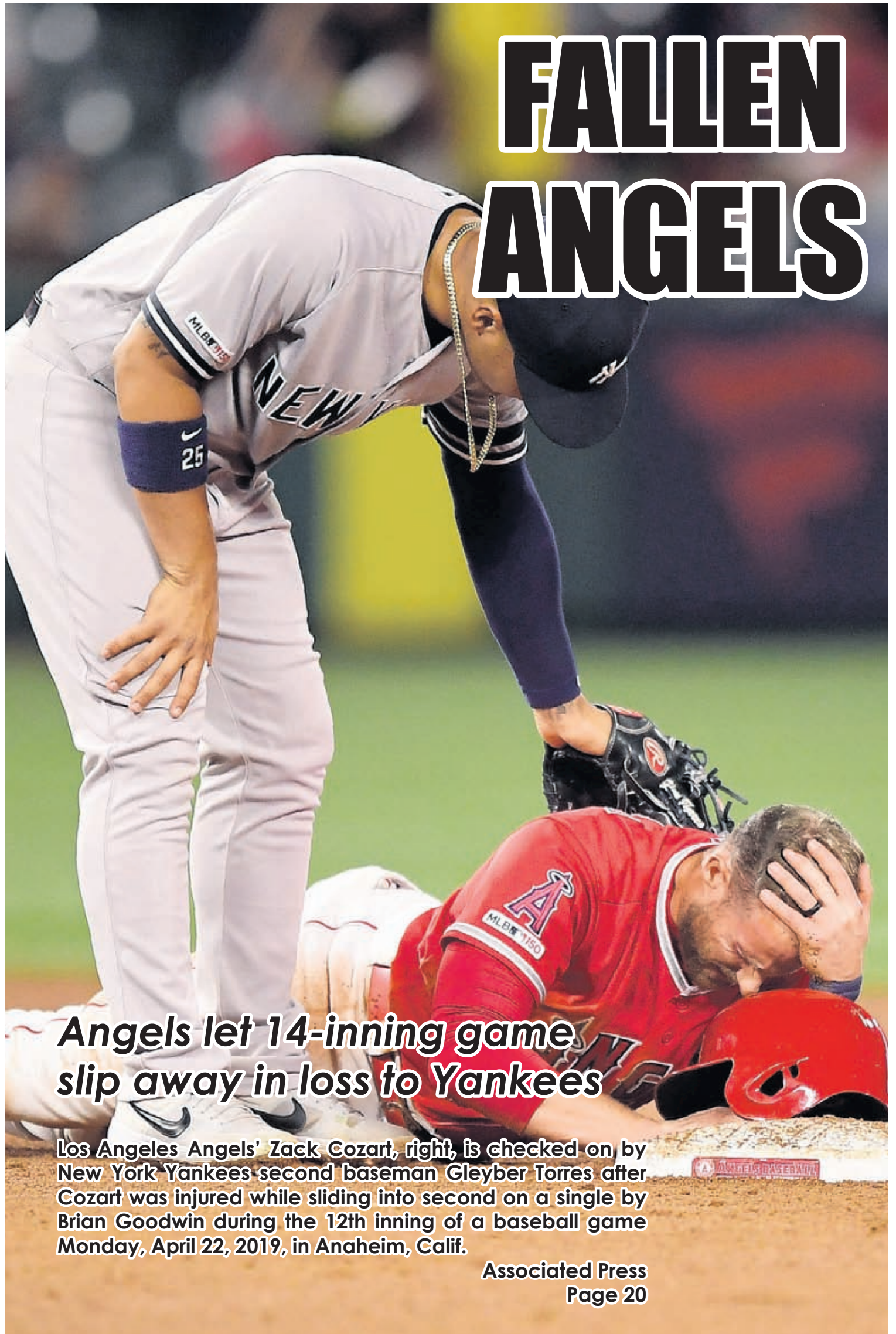
By RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Big deals for Bryce Harper, Mike Trout and others that included large signing bonuses masked an otherwise flat market for the second straight offseason that caused Major League Baseball's opening-day payrolls to drop by \$43 million for 2019.

Payrolls, however, rose by \$131 million when using the averages of multiyear contracts. Following a winter in which many journeymen took cuts, a string of stars signed huge long-term deals during March and April. Since the end of last season, teams agreed to a record \$4.195 billion in guarantees beyond 2019, breaking the previous mark for out-year commitments of \$3.414 billion set following the 2013 season, according to figures compiled by the commissioner's office and obtained by The Associated Press.

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FALLEN ANGELS



Angels let 14-inning game slip away in loss to Yankees

Los Angeles Angels' Zack Cozart, right, is checked on by New York Yankees second baseman Gleyber Torres after Cozart was injured while sliding into second on a single by Brian Goodwin during the 12th inning of a baseball game Monday, April 22, 2019, in Anaheim, Calif.

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Turnabout for Stars, Blues complete with 2nd-round showdown

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — When first-year Dallas Stars coach Jim Montgomery called out his team over a “culture of mediocrity” in January, the St. Louis Blues weren’t too far removed from having the worst record in the NHL. Now the Central Division rivals will meet in the second round of the playoffs — and Montgomery is ready to move on from his scathing critique, while declaring that the culture has changed.

“If you’re in that locker room, you see the culture now,” Montgomery after the Stars beat Nashville 2-1 in overtime in Game 6 on Monday to finish off the first-round series. “You see how much more professional we are. We work efficiently. We work effectively. And we work together. “We’re going to be eight of 31 teams left, right? We’re doing something right. But we hope not to be done. But we know we’re facing a really good team next, again.”

The Blues went from having a league-worst 34 points on Jan. 2 to becoming the first team that was last in the NHL at the beginning of the calendar year to advance in the postseason. Montgomery’s blunt assessment came after a 3-1 loss to St. Louis when the Blues were beginning to dig out of their hole. The Dallas turnaround started a week later with the beginning of a five-game winning streak that bridged the All-Star break.

A year after collapsing late in the regular season with an eight-game losing streak that started with six straight losses on the road, the Stars picked up seven of eight possible points on a four-game Canadian swing late in the season to all but wrap up their first playoff berth in three years. That most recent playoff trip in 2016 ended with a Game 7 loss in the second round to the Blues in Dallas. “We had a lot of changes this year and a lot of uncomfortable conversations throughout the year,”



Dallas Stars’ Esa Lindell (23), Alexander Radulov (47) and Tyler Seguin (91) celebrate with John Klingberg, center, who scored in overtime against the Nashville Predators in Game 6 of an NHL hockey first-round playoff series in Dallas, Monday, April 22, 2019. The Stars won 2-1 in overtime.

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said Tyler Seguin, the high-scoring forward who was injured when the Blues and Stars met three years ago.

“Guys came out of their comfort zones and that’s made us a closer team and that’s why we’re here

tonight.” The last rookie coach to win his first playoff series was Dale Hunter with Washington seven years ago. And Montgomery is the second Stars coach to do it, following Dave Tippett in 2003.

An NCAA championship winner at the University of Denver two years ago, Montgomery was also the third coach in three seasons for the Stars. He followed Lindy Ruff and Ken Hitchcock, who returned to Dallas and missed the 2018 playoffs, 19 years after leading the franchise to its only Stanley Cup title.

“I think the journey through the year toughens you up, hopefully,” Montgomery said. “And it definitely did for us. You have to face adversity to get better as a

group, especially when it’s your first time together. And we have. And the trust has grown.”

Ben Bishop, a Vezina Trophy finalist who had a playoff career-high 47 saves to finish off the Predators, will be facing his hometown team, and the one that drafted him 14 years ago. “I’ve been trying not to think about it, obviously trying to worry about this series,” Bishop said. “It kind of gets a smile.”

The Blues and Stars were the lower seeds in their first-round matchups. St. Louis beat Winnipeg, also in six games. If Vegas wins Game 7 at San Jose in the remaining first-round Western Conference series Tuesday night, all four lower seeds will have advanced. □

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Urshela hits Yanks to 4th straight win, 4-3 over Halos in 14

By The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Gio Urshela singled home Gleyber Torres in the 14th with his second extra-inning RBI of the night, and New York blew a 12th-inning lead before rallying for its fourth consecutive win.

Torres reached base on catcher Jonathan Lucroy's throwing error after striking out leading off the 14th, and he advanced on a wild pitch by Luke Bard (0-1) and stole third before he was driven home by Urshela. The journeyman infielder produced his first multi-RBI game since last May. Jonathan Holder (1-0) pitched the final two innings for the injury-plagued Yankees, who have still won six of seven.

After Zack Cozart injured his face diving back to second base in the 12th, the Angels were forced to make a series of substitutions that ended with outfielder Peter Bourjos playing second base — and playing it well — for the first time in his pro career.

RAYS 6, ROYALS 3

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Mike Zunino returned from the paternity list and hit his first home run for Tampa Bay, a two-run shot that



New York Yankees' Gio Urshela runs to first as he hits an RBI single during the 14th inning of a baseball game against the Los Angeles Angels Monday, April 22, 2019, in Anaheim, Calif.

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helped stop a season-high four-game skid with a win over Kansas City.

Yandy Diaz, Brandon Lowe and Daniel Robertson also drove in runs for the AL East leaders, who scored three times in the seventh to come from behind against Brad Keller (2-2). It's the ninth time this season the Royals have lost after holding a lead in the sixth inning or beyond.

Pitching while appealing

a five-game suspension for his role in a benches-clearing fracas with the Chicago White Sox last week, Keller allowed five runs and seven hits over 6 1/3 innings. Alex Gordon, Hunter Dozier and Jorge Soler hit solo homers for the Royals, who have lost four straight.

Wilmer Font (1-0) struck out the only batter he faced to get the win. Emilio Pagan pitched the ninth for his first career save.

WHITE SOX 12, ORIOLES 2

BALTIMORE (AP) — José Abreu homered and drove in five runs, James McCann had a homer and four RBIs and Chicago beat stumbling Baltimore.

McCann's three-run drive off David Hess (1-4) highlighted a four-run fifth inning, and Abreu's shot with a man on sparked a four-run seventh against Tanner Scott. The rebuilding Orioles have lost four straight, fell

to 1-10 at home and drew just 8,555 — their fifth time under 10,000 at Camden Yards this season.

Catcher Jesús Sucre pitched the ninth for Baltimore. The Orioles' runs came on an RBI double by Trey Mancini in the fifth and solo homer by Pedro Severino in the ninth.

TWINS 9, ASTROS 5

HOUSTON (AP) — Jorge Polanco had four hits, including a two-run homer, and drove in four runs to lead Minnesota over Houston for its fourth straight win.

Max Kepler and Nelson Cruz had RBI singles around Polanco's two-run single in a four-run sixth as the Twins built a 7-1 lead. Polanco homered in the eighth.

C.J. Cron put Minnesota ahead with a two-run double in the first, and Jason Castro led off the second with a home run.

Jake Odorizzi (2-2) won his second straight, allowing two runs and eight hits in 5 2/3 innings.

Houston has lost four of five since a 10-game winning streak. Brad Peacock (2-1) gave up three runs and five hits in six innings.

Carlos Correa had a three-run homer in the seventh for the Astros. □



Philadelphia Phillies' Bryce Harper, left, is restrained while arguing with umpire Mark Carlson, right, during the fourth inning of a baseball game against the New York Mets, Monday, April 22, 2019, in New York.

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MLB looks at Harper's ejection; no decision on discipline

NEW YORK (AP) — Major League Baseball is reviewing Bryce Harper's rant at an umpire, trying to determine whether the Philadelphia Phillies star should be disciplined.

There was no decision Tuesday, a day after Harper went wild during a game against the New York Mets at Citi Field.

Harper was ejected for the 12th time in his eight-sea-

son career while he barked from the dugout four batters after being called out on strikes by Mark Carlson. Phillies manager Gabe Kapler walked toward the plate to argue, then Harper bolted from the bench. He repeatedly yelled and pointed at Carlson from close range. While trying to hold back Harper, Kapler bumped into the umpire. Kapler spoke to MLB ex-

ecutive Joe Torre and the umpires before Tuesday night's game against the Mets.

"I felt nothing," Kapler said. "Doesn't mean there wasn't contact."

Jake Arrieta was the losing pitcher Monday night and later called out Harper, saying the high-priced All-Star slugger needs to keep himself on the field, no matter what. □

Arizona tops Pirates 12-4; Bucs' Burdi exits with arm injury

By The Associated Press
PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pirates reliever Nick Burdi left in tears with a right arm injury, a chilling low point for Pittsburgh in a 12-4 loss to the Arizona Diamondbacks on Monday night.

Burdi, who had Tommy John surgery in 2017, had already given up five runs in a third of an inning when he fired a 96 mph fastball to Jarrod Dyson. The 26-year-old Burdi shrugged his right arm after releasing the pitch then crumpled to the ground. Surrounded by teammates, a trainer and manager Clint Hurdle, Burdi sobbed on the mound before standing and walking off holding his arm. The team said he was dealing with pain in his biceps and right elbow.

The scene came after the Diamondbacks had already put the finishing touches on a massive rally that turned a three-run deficit into their major league leading ninth comeback win of the season.

Arizona starter Zack Godley only lasted four-plus innings, allowing four runs on seven hits, with four walks

and two strikeouts. Matt Andriese (3-1) picked up the win in relief.

METS 5, PHILLIES 1

NEW YORK (AP) — Steven Matz atoned for a dismal start last week in Philadelphia by pitching six fine innings, and Jeff McNeil homered as New York dealt the Phillies their fourth loss in five games. Slugger Bryce Harper struck out twice and was ejected Mark Carlson four batters after being called out on strikes. Matz (2-1) allowed one run and three hits. The Phillies Jake Arrieta (3-2) got chased in the seventh. Pete Alonso hit an RBI double in a two-run third and was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded in the seventh. McNeil hit a solo home run in the fifth. Rhys Hoskins homered for the Phillies.

CARDINALS 13, BREWERS 5

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Dexter Fowler had a four-hit game with his first home run this season and four RBIs to lead St. Louis over Milwaukee. Paul Goldschmidt hit his ninth home run and had three hits and three RBIs for the Cardinals. St. Louis out-hit Milwaukee 18-5, set



Pittsburgh Pirates relief pitcher Nick Burdi, right, holds his arm after delivering a pitch during the eighth inning of a baseball game against the Arizona Diamondbacks in Pittsburgh, Monday, April 22, 2019.

a season high for runs and won its third straight.

Fowler had the fifth four-hit game of his career, his first since June 9, 2013, against San Diego.

Ryan Braun, Hernán Pérez, Yasmani Grandal and Travis Shaw homered for Milwaukee, which has lost five of six. Jack Flaherty (2-1) allowed four runs and three hits — all homers — in six innings. He struck out 10.

Adrian Houser (0-1) lost in his season debut and first big league start, giving up five runs and nine hits in four-plus innings.

ROCKIES 7, NATIONALS 5

DENVER (AP) — Nolan Arenado hit a tiebreaking homer for his 1,000th career hit and Colorado rallied to beat Washington.

Arenado also doubled twice and drove in two to help the Rockies win for

the seventh time in eight games. He is the ninth Rockies player to reach 1,000 hits, getting there with a solo shot off Wander Suero (1-2) in the seventh to make it 6-5.

Mark Reynolds and pinch-hitter Raimel Tapia also homered for Colorado, and Trevor Story singled twice and drove in a run to extend his hitting streak to 11 games. □

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2019 MLB Payrolls

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Just three teams are on track to pay luxury tax. World Series champion Boston projects to owe \$11.8 million, the Chicago Cubs \$5.3 million and the New York Yankees just under \$4 million. Figures will fluctuate during the season due to roster moves.

Payrolls totaled \$4.072 billion on opening day, down 1.1 percent from \$4.115 billion at the start of last season and \$4.135 billion on opening day 2017, using the calculation of salaries plus prorated shares of signing bonuses.

Using the average annual values of contracts plus a little over \$14 million per team in benefits this year

— the measurement used for the luxury tax — payrolls went up 3 percent from \$4.415 billion to \$4.545 billion, but remained below the \$4.549 billion at the start of 2017.

Angered over the slow pace of free-agent signings, players pushed for an unprecedented early start to labor negotiations, and clubs agreed to bargain over economic terms. The five-year collective bargaining agreement runs until December 2021.

Signing bonuses can impact payroll calculations. Trout originally was set to earn a \$33.25 million salary this year, but his record \$426.5 million, 12-year contract dropped his salary to \$16 million and added a

\$20 million signing bonus due May 31. That lowered his figure for the 2019 payroll calculation from \$34.08 million to \$18.5 million.

Others who agreed to signing bonuses of \$10 million or more included Alex Bregman, Jacob deGrom, Paul Goldschmidt, Clayton Kershaw, Manny Machado, and A.J. Pollock.

About \$192 million in signing bonuses were agreed to during the offseason, and that money is prorated over the length of each contract, causing only a portion to appear on 2019 payrolls. Among all outstanding signing bonuses, the prorated share included this year was \$121 million.

Payrolls will increase during the year. Top free-agent



Philadelphia Phillies' Bryce Harper strikes out against Colorado Rockies starting pitcher Jon Gray in the fourth inning of a baseball game Sunday, April 21, 2019, in Denver.

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pitchers Craig Kimbrel and Dallas Keuchel remain unsigned, and players will earn performance and award bonuses. The 2018 payroll figure finished at \$4.227 billion for sala-

ries and prorated shares of signing bonuses, down from \$4.245 billion in 2017. The figure for average annual values ended 2018 at \$4.548 billion, down from \$4.663 billion. □

Antetokounmpo scores 41, leads Bucks to sweep of Pistons

By **NOAH TRISTER**
AP Sports Writer

DETROIT (AP) — Giannis Antetokounmpo drove to the basket and drew yet another foul, this one a hard hack on the arm by Blake Griffin.

Griffin fouled out and headed to the bench, and the home crowd gave him a standing ovation. Then many fans headed toward the exits.

Antetokounmpo and the Milwaukee Bucks were on their way to another rout against Detroit.

Antetokounmpo scored 41 points, and the Bucks beat Detroit 127-104 on Monday night, completing a four-game sweep of the Pistons and advancing to the second round of the playoffs for the first time since 2001. The last time Milwaukee won a postseason series, the Bucks made it all the way to the conference finals. This year's team isn't there yet, but so far Milwaukee looks the part of the top seed in the East.

"I remember our first playoff series (in 2015)," Antetokounmpo said. "Chicago, the last game, Game 6, they beat us by 50 or something insane. But where we were and where we are right now, it's been an unbelievable journey."

Milwaukee closed the third quarter with a 17-3 run, taking a 10-point lead into the fourth after the Pistons had led much of the way. Detroit set an NBA record with its 14th consecutive playoff loss, a skid that began in 2008.

The Bucks will face Boston in the second round. The Celtics are coming off a sweep of their own against Indiana.

"I think it's important that we take a second tonight. Enjoy it," Bucks coach Mike Budenholzer said. "It's a good night for Milwaukee. It's a good night for the Bucks."

Reggie Jackson scored 20 of his 26 points in the first half for Detroit. Griffin fouled out with 7:06 remaining after scoring 22. Griffin missed the first two games of the



Milwaukee Bucks forward Giannis Antetokounmpo (34) is fouled by Detroit Pistons center Andre Drummond (0) during the first half of Game 4 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series, Monday, April 22, 2019, in Detroit.

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series with knee problems. "Blake played his heart out with basically one leg," said Pistons coach Dwane Casey, whose voice was hoarse at his postgame news conference. "He fought through a lot of pain, swelling."

Griffin was on the bench for much of Milwaukee's crucial run. He sat for the final 4:35 of the third. Antetokounmpo scored 16 points in that quarter, half of which came on free throws.

Detroit led 20-8 early on after a dunk by Griffin. The Pistons were up 62-56 at halftime but still couldn't prevent a fourth straight blowout at the hands of the team that had the NBA's best regular-season record. Milwaukee won the four games by a total of 95 points, and no game was closer than 16.

UTAH 107, HOUSTON 91

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Donovan Mitchell turned a rough start into a fantastic finish.

Mitchell dominated in the fourth quarter, rallying the Utah Jazz to a 107-91 victory

over the Houston Rockets in Game 4 of their Western Conference series on Monday night.

Mitchell scored 19 of his 31 points in the final quarter to help the Jazz pull away for their first win in the series. Utah staved off elimination and forced a Game 5 on Wednesday.

Mitchell's late-game performance helped the second-year guard make up for struggles earlier. He turned the ball over twice in the first two minutes and shot just 36 percent from the field in the first three quarters before going 6 of 12 in the fourth.

Mitchell never lost confidence that he could turn it around.

Jae Crowder scored 23 points. Ricky Rubio chipped in 18 points and 11 assists and Derrick Favors finished with 12 points and 11 rebounds.

James Harden scored 30 points to lead Houston. Chris Paul added 23 points, eight rebounds and seven assists. Eric Gordon chipped in 16 points. □



In this Jan. 24, 2019, file photo, Phoenix Suns head coach Igor Kokoskov watches during the second half of an NBA basketball game against the Portland Trail Blazers.

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Suns fire Igor Kokoskov after 1 losing season

By **JOHN MARSHALL**
AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX (AP) — One season was not enough for Igor Kokoskov to convince the Phoenix Suns that he was the man to lead the franchise into the future. The Suns fired Kokoskov Monday night, ending the tenure of the NBA's first European-born coach after one disappointing season.

"After extensive evaluation, I determined it is best to move in a different direction with our head coaching position," Suns GM James Jones said in a statement. "I want to thank Igor for his work this past season and wish him the best with his future endeavors."

Kokoskov arrived in the desert with hopes of rebuilding a franchise coming off its second-worst record at 21-61. He was hired to replace Jay Triano, named interim coach after Earl Watson was fired last season.

The Suns entered the 2018-19 season with one of the NBA's most dynamic scorers in Devin Booker and added the No. 1 overall pick of the 2018 draft, big man Deandre Ayton.

Instead of a revitalizing season, the Suns continued to mire in mediocrity, missing the playoffs for the ninth straight season.

Phoenix had a franchise-worst 17-game losing streak in 2018-19 and became the first team in the shot-clock era (1954-55) to be held under 10 points in the first quarter of consecutive games.

The Suns finished 19-63 in Kokoskov's only season in the desert, worst in the Western Conference.

Jones became the full-time GM after the Suns removed the interim tag earlier this month and his first big move was to fire Kokoskov, an assistant with the franchise from 2008-13.

Now, Phoenix is in limbo again, searching for its fifth coach in five seasons.

The Serbian Kokoskov spent 18 seasons as an NBA assistant before becoming a head coach, including stints with Utah, Orlando Cleveland, Detroit and the Los Angeles Clippers. He also was the head coach of the Georgia national team from 2008-15 and led Slovenia to its first EuroBasket title in 2017. □

Readying for his return, Golovkin seeks path back to Alvarez

By **BRIAN MAHONEY**

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The giant banner behind him revealed not only a new nickname, but a new reality in boxing for Gennady Golovkin.

"The return of the people's champion," it read, touting Golovkin's June 8 match at Madison Square Garden that will be his first fight since dropping his rematch against Canelo Alvarez.

Golovkin came away from those fights with a loss and a draw, and the former holder of three belts has no more after a record 20 consecutive middleweight title defenses.

"Everyone in the Triple G team thinks he won both of those fights, as does the majority of the fan base and the media, and that's why we crowned him the 'People's Champion,'" promoter Tom Loeffler said Monday. The people may still consider Golovkin a champion, but the boxing rankings have said otherwise since the longtime 160-pound ruler's loss to Alvarez last September in their second fight. Plenty has changed since that narrow defeat in Las Vegas, though not when it comes to Golovkin's mindset. Some may wonder if he's diminished at 37 after two hard fights with Alvarez, but not Golovkin. He won't be carrying any belts



In this Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018, file photo, Gennady Golovkin acknowledges the crowd during a boxing news conference in Las Vegas. In this Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018, file photo, Gennady Golovkin acknowledges the crowd during a boxing news conference in Las Vegas.

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into the ring but he still has a champion's confidence. "I don't feel like I lost those fights and those decisions do not necessarily affect me because inside I do feel like I won those two fights," Golovkin said through an interpreter. "So I don't necessarily see myself as a contender, as a beginner again." Golovkin (38-1-1, 34 KOs) may get his shot at being a real champion again soon, perhaps even

against Alvarez. First, Golovkin will return to the ring against Steve Rolls, a little known Canadian who is unbeaten in 19 fights while fighting at both 160 and 168 pounds.

They will split the difference for the June bout, which will be held at a maximum of 164 pounds. Rolls (19-0, 10 KOs) was selected in hopes he could put up a good enough performance to make Golovkin work, but

not good enough to mess up any plans for a third fight with Alvarez.

"Make no mistake. This isn't a tuneup," Rolls said. "I'm coming to fight."

The path back to Alvarez goes through DAZN, the sports streaming service that had signed the Mexican star to a contract worth what his promoters said was a minimum \$365 million last year. So Golovkin eventually followed with a six-

fight deal with DAZN, and already had begun talking about terms of a possible trilogy before signing. DAZN will have as much to do with the negotiations as the fight promoters, and the Golovkin side will be interested in taking it elsewhere after it was dissatisfied with the scoring in Las Vegas. That could open the door for Madison Square Garden or AT&T Stadium, home of the Dallas Cowboys, to make a big bid on the bout. "The first two fights with Canelo, there was no option for Gennady. They put it to us that Canelo would fight Triple G only in Las Vegas," Loeffler said. "We love Las Vegas, we love the MGM, the T-Mobile Arena and the way he was treated, but when you arguably win two fights in a row and only one judge out of six judges scores it for him, there's something wrong." Alvarez is facing Daniel Jacobs in a May 4 middleweight unification fight in Las Vegas. If Alvarez wins, Golovkin could hope to win his belts back if they then move on to making the third fight. If it's Jacobs, Golovkin may want to go ahead with a fight that would mean more to him even with no titles at stake. He's already been a champion. He hasn't beaten Alvarez. "I'm hoping to fight him," Golovkin said, "title or not." □

Nishikori advances, Zverev eliminated early in Barcelona

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) —

Second-seeded Alexander Zverev lost to 81st-ranked Nicolas Jarry in the Barcelona Open on Tuesday after failing to convert a match point, while former champion Kei Nishikori and third-seeded Dominic Thiem easily advanced to the third round.

Zverev lost 3-6, 7-5, 7-6 (5) to Jarry, a 23-year-old Chilean who was given a lucky loser spot in the tournament. The third-ranked German cruised in the first set but was broken late in the second and then three

times in the third before falling in the decisive tie-breaker after more than 2 ½ hours for his fifth loss in seven matches.

It was the fifth win of the year for Jarry, who saved seven break points in total and a match point when Zverev led 6-5 in the third set. "It means a lot. It's one of the biggest victories of my career," Jarry said. "It was a really, really tough match. I was trying to get everything out of me but take in the energy from the crowd. That was amazing. I had a lot of support from

a lot of Chilean guys and some Spaniards. It was a great match."

Thiem, the finalist in Barcelona two years ago, cruised to a 6-3, 6-3 win over Diego Schwartzman, the Argentine who had to go through qualifying after missing the deadline to enter the main draw. Nishikori, the Barcelona champion in 2014 and 2015, defeated American Taylor Fritz 7-5, 6-2 for his 14th victory of the year. The fourth-seeded Japanese player lost his serve early but recovered with two breaks in each set to stay

in contention for his second title of the season after winning in Brisbane in January. He had lost his first match in his last two tournaments, in Miami and Monte Carlo.

Nishikori is the only player other than Rafael Nadal to win the Barcelona title in the last eight years. The second-ranked Nadal, an 11-time champion in Barcelona, will play Leonardo Mayer in the second round on Wednesday.

Fabio Fognini, who won the Monte Carlo title after eliminating Nadal in the semifinals, will make his debut in

Barcelona against Spaniard Nicola Pietrangeli, who on Tuesday defeated qualifier Federico Delbonis 7-6 (3), 4-6, 6-2.

Jan-Lennard Struff advanced to the third round by upsetting 10th-seeded David Goffin 7-6 (3), 6-3, while Jaume Munar defeated 14th-seeded Frances Tiafoe 6-4, 6-3. In first-round results, David Ferrer defeated Mischa Zverev 6-3, 6-1, Malek Jaziri beat Guido Andreozzi 6-7 (3), 6-4, 6-2, and Albert Ramos-Vinolas ousted Cameron Norrie 6-2, 6-2. □



By: Dr Carlos Viana

People feel better whether they are soaking in our beautiful Caribbean sea. Taking time off from our daily responsibilities to relax and play in nature revitalizes our spirit. Yet, the increase in vitamin D from sunshine and iodine from the sea is benefiting our physical health as well.

Iodine is a trace element, essential for good health. Iodine is naturally present in seawater as well as many marine fish and plants. It is found naturally in some foods and is also added to salt that is labeled as "iodized". For many years I assumed those of us who live in the tropics would have sufficient levels of iodine in our bodies. After all, we swim in the ocean regularly and our diet includes lots of fish, fruits and vegetables, which should contain iodine from the soil.

Urinary iodine levels in the US today are about half what they were in the 1970s. Since our current Island diet, like most modern diets, includes imported, conventionally grown food, we islanders, like most people are now iodine deficient.

My assumptions about our iodine levels were wrong.

In order not to assume and to confirm levels,

I started testing our patient iodine levels. To do this, we have you collect some urine in the morning and evening. Since iodine levels are especially important for the thyroid, we send the sample to a lab specializing in Hormones. Symptoms and potential risk for iodine deficiency include: Depression, Infertility, Feeling cold all the time or cold hands and feet, Sleep disturbances, Elevated cholesterol, Aches and pains, Dry skin, Fatigue, Heart palpitations, Constipation, Anxiety, Foggy thinking, Low libido, Thinning hair, Brittle nails, Headaches, Weight gain with an inability to lose weight, and menstrual irregularities, to name a few symptoms. These symptoms also appear in people with a slow Thyroid, hypothyroidism. Your thyroid gland secretes iodine- rich hormones thyroxin and triiodothyronine, which regulate your metabolism rate; but its effects are felt all over the body.

Hypothyroidism disproportionately affects women at a rate of about 9 to 1 in the US. The reason for this is that the female hormone estrogen inhibits the absorption of iodine. Women who are pregnant or nursing need about 50% more iodine to provide sufficient iodine for their baby.

Iodine has a nutritional relationship with selenium. Medical researchers have found that men with the highest levels of selenium had a 52% reduced risk of diabetes, compared to those with the lowest selenium levels. Laboratory studies indicate the potentially beneficial role of selenium in the management of breast cancer. It actually could be that selenium is stimulating the iodine in the breast.

The breast strongly and actively concentrates iodine into breast-milk for the benefit of the developing infant, and may develop lumpy swelling, sometimes manifesting as fibrocystic breast disease, when iodine level are low. Studies indicate that iodine deficiency can lead to breast problems and increased incidence of malignancy, while iodine treatment can reverse

breast lumps. Laboratory evidences demonstrate that the effect of iodine on breast cancer is in part independent of thyroid function and that iodine inhibits cancer promotion through modulation of the estrogen pathway. Natural medicine physicians have recommended women with breast cancer or uncomfortable lumps in the breast, fibrocystic breast disease paint their breast with iodine.

Eating foods that rob iodine, such as cabbage, cassava, turnips, broccoli, cauliflower, brussel sprouts mustard greens, millet and pine nut contribute to low iodine levels. I think the worse is gluten found in wheat. Gluten sensitivity has been found to go hand-in-hand with autoimmune disorders such as type 1 diabetes, Addison's disease, Sjögren's syndrome, rheumatoid arthritis, and autoimmune thyroid disease. Kelp, a type of seaweed is one of the best food sources of iodine.

The third problem effecting your iodine levels and hypothyroidism is an amino acid deficiency. As the building blocks of every structure of your body, amino acids have an influence on the function of organs, glands, tendons and arteries. They are furthermore essential for healing wounds and repairing tissue, especially in the muscles, bones, skin and hair as well as for the removal of all kinds of waste deposits produced in connection with the metabolism. The conversion of thyroid hormones T3 and T4 involves thyroid specific amino acids, found predominantly but not exclusively in the thyroid tissue.

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To some market vets, stocks are rallying like it's 1999

By STAN CHOE

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market has been so hot this year that it might need an ice-cold Fruitopia, or a Zima.

The furious rally that's brought the S&P 500 to the brink of another record, so quickly on the heels of last year's scary tumble, is reminding some market veterans of the rebound of late 1998. Then, like now, decisions by the Federal Reserve on interest rates helped send stocks soaring. Then, like now, high-flying technology stocks were leading the way. And, in both instances, investors wondered how much longer the economy could avoid a recession after many years of growth.

Few, if any, analysts on Wall Street are predicting a repeat of 1999 and 2000, when the market's recovery ended up becoming too much of a good thing. The S&P 500 surged nearly 60 percent from its 1998 bottom and inflated into the dot-com bubble, only to burst in the dot-com bust. The collapse dashed the dreams of day traders in pajamas around the country and helped usher in the 2001 recession.

But the similarities between 1998-1999 and 20 years later are plentiful enough that some investors are pushing the idea that stocks can keep rising even with recession fears still hanging over the market.

Steve Chiavarone, equity strategist at Federated Investors, says the S&P 500 may end the year at 3,100. That would be a 6.6% rise from Tuesday's close and a nearly 32% leap from Christmas Eve, when recession fears were at their height.

"It is unfathomable to someone at this stage, as it was in 1998, that you could have meaningful upside in the market given where we are," Chevron said. "I think you have to be respectful that tops are impossible to call and that things can get ahead of themselves."

In the summer of 1998, the S&P 500 was at a record high, and the U.S. economy was more than seven years



In this April 11, 2019, file photo trader Jeffrey Vazquez's glasses reflect the screen of his handheld device as he works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

Associated Press

into its expansion, one of the longest on record. But turmoil in developing economies around the world, highlighted by the Asian financial crisis and then Russia's default on its debt, helped send the S&P 500 down nearly 20%.

The Fed calmed worries that the turbulence abroad would dash the U.S. economy by slashing interest rates three times in three months in late 1998. The S&P 500 recovered within a few months.

The action then is reminiscent of the market's movements over the last seven months. Last winter, after setting its all-time high on Sept. 20, 2018, the S&P 500 plunged 19.8% on worries that a recession was on the way. But the Fed again helped put a floor under the stock market, this time by saying it may not raise rates at all in 2019 after seven increases the prior two years.

The S&P 500 has shot up 23.6% since hitting a bottom on Christmas Eve, echoing the 24.1% climb for the index in the same number of trading days after it hit a bottom in August 1998. High-growth stocks are also leading the way, once again. In the late 90s, investors flocked to technology stocks because they were going to drive the "new

economy." Today, companies like Facebook, Microsoft and Netflix are alluring because they're producing strong growth even when global economic growth is slowing and low interest rates make conservative investments more unattractive.

Technology stocks in the S&P 500 have surged 33.9% since the Christmas Eve bottom, most among the 11 sectors that make up the index.

The market has prodded a parade of tech companies to sell their stock to regular investors for the first time. Lyft had its initial public offering last month, and Uber and other big names should follow shortly.

These companies are generally more seasoned than their IPO counterparts two decades ago, with more in revenue. But most lose money, and the last time such a high percentage of companies going public were unprofitable was in 2000, when the dot-com bubble was at its height.

All this is happening while the bond market has sent signals of caution through what's known as the yield curve. Recently, some key short-term Treasury yields were higher than for some longer-term Treasuries, which is unusual. Market watchers call the phenom-

enon an "inverted yield curve," and such a scenario has preceded past recessions, although it hasn't been a perfect predictor. In 1998, some parts of the yield curve were also inverted.

"The froth is really starting to pick up now," said Doug Ramsey, chief investment officer at Leuthold Group. "I would never argue that this is like the euphoria you saw in the late 90s — we're nothing close to that — but you're still positioned just as precariously in chasing these large-cap growth stocks."

Besides the less-exuberant nature of this rally — investors remain hesitant to put money into U.S. stock funds this year — another big difference is that stocks are not as expensive as they were in 1999, relative to their profits.

In early 1999, the S&P 500 was trading at more than 40 times its average earnings over the prior 10 years, adjusted for inflation. Now, it's trading at a price that's closer to 31 times. That's still higher than its historical average of 20 times over the last half century, but not as eye-wateringly expensive. In 1998, the economy was able to avoid recession, and the expansion that began in 1991 ended up lasting into 2001 and became

the longest on record. This expansion, which began in the summer of 2009, could soon eclipse that one.

"We could very well be in a 1998 environment, where the yield curve remains inverted sporadically for a short period of time, before steepening again," said Frances Donald, head of macroeconomic strategy at Manulife Asset Management.

She says a recession could arrive in 2020, a relatively mild one. For now, though, she says the stock market could keep rising as investors see profits still to be made.

To see why, consider the conversations she had last summer with the portfolio managers she works with, when she first began calling for a 2020 recession.

"My question was: It's August of 2018, if I could tell you with 100 percent certainty there was going to be a recession in 2020, what would you do?" she said. Their response: "Nothing, we would trade until the market got a whiff of it." □

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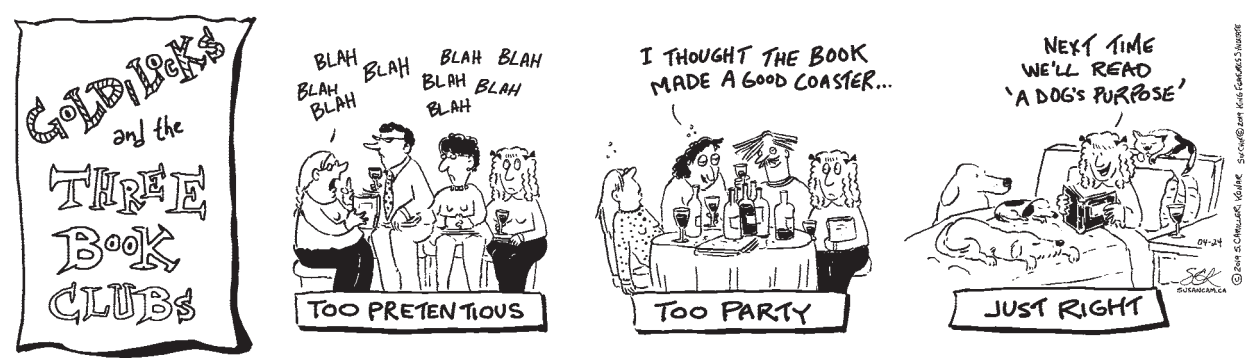
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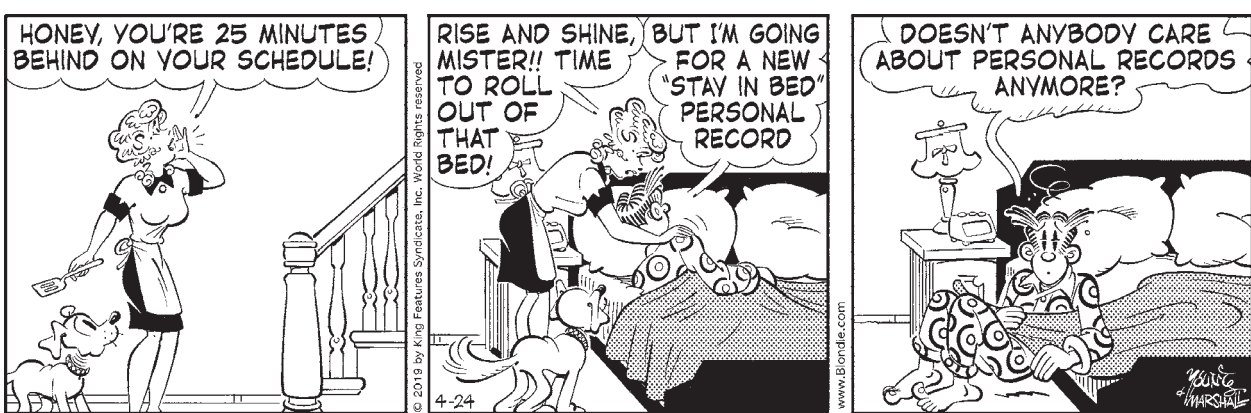
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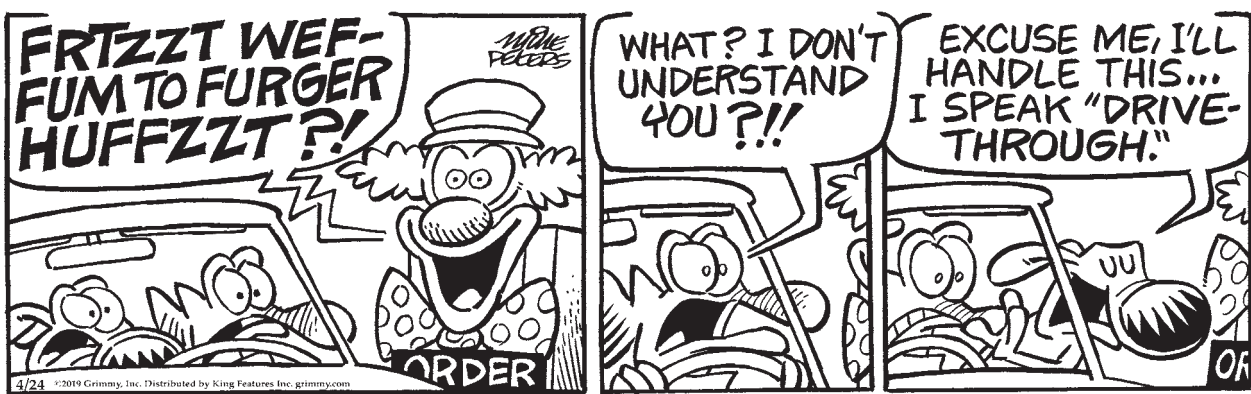
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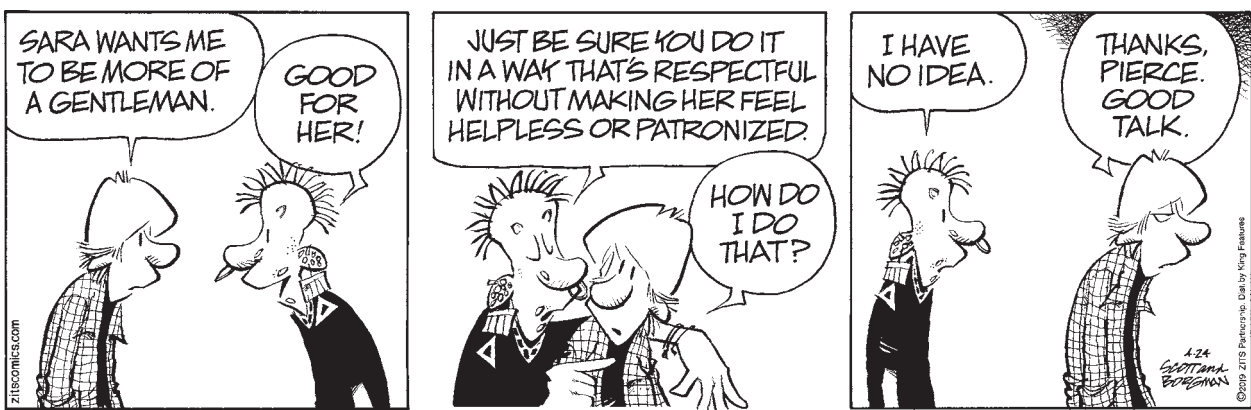
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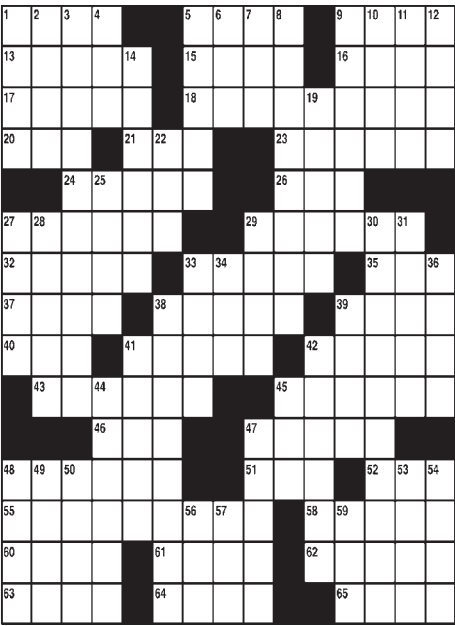
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- 29 Human being
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- 35 Bee's follower
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- 40 __ it; understand
- 41 Necklace pieces
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- 51 Higher-__; superiors
- 52 Cereal grain
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SeaWorld publishes decades of orca data to help wild whales

By **GENE JOHNSON**

Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — The endangered killer whales of the Pacific Northwest live very different lives from orcas in captivity.

They swim up to 100 miles (161 kilometers) a day in pursuit of salmon, instead of being fed a steady diet of baitfish and multivitamins. Their playful splashing awes and entertains kayakers and passengers on Washington state ferries instead of paying theme park customers.

But the captive whales are nevertheless providing a boon to researchers urgently trying to save wild whales in the Northwest.

SeaWorld, which displays orcas at its parks in California, Texas and Florida, has recently published data from thousands of routine blood tests of its killer whales over two decades, revealing the most comprehensive picture yet of what a healthy whale looks like. The information could guide how and whether scientists intervene to help sick or stranded whales in the wild. "For us, collecting blood from free-ranging killer whales is exceedingly difficult, so it's something we would rarely ever do," said Deborah Fauquier, a veterinary medical officer at the National Marine Fisheries Service. "Having partners that are in the managed-care community that can provide us with blood values from those animals is very useful. It's giving us a very robust baseline data set that we haven't had previously for these whales."

The round-up of killer whales for theme-park display in the 1960s and '70s was devastating for the Pacific Northwest's resident orcas:



In this photo taken in March, 2016, and provided by SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment, SeaWorld employees Michelle Bridwell, left, senior trainer, holds the fluke of a captive orca whale as Dr. Hendrik Nollens, vice president of Animal Health and Welfare, takes a blood sample from the underside of the whale's tail at SeaWorld in San Diego, Calif.

At least 13 were killed and 45 kept to awe and entertain paying crowds around the world, according to the Center for Whale Research on Washington's San Juan Island. Only one of those orcas survives: Lolita, at the Miami Seaquarium. Washington state eventually sued SeaWorld to stop the hunts. Today, 17 of SeaWorld's 20 whales were born in captivity, including some descended from orcas captured near Iceland; the company hasn't collected a wild orca in more than 40 years. Under public pressure, it ended its captive breeding program and is replacing trained orca shows with what it describes as "more educational experiences where guests can still enjoy and

marvel at the majesty and power of the whales." It took decades for the so-called southern resident killer whales, which spend several months every summer and fall in the marine waters between Washington state and Canada, to recover from the hunts. By the mid-1990s, their population reached 98. Half a century later, the orcas are struggling against different threats: pollution, vessel noise and, most seriously, starvation from a dearth of Chinook salmon, their preferred prey. There are just 75 left, and researchers say they're on the verge of extinction. Gov. Jay Inslee has proposed \$1.1 billion in spending to help the whales, with much of the money going toward protecting and restoring salmon habitat. The National Marine Fisheries Service, also known as NOAA Fisheries, is planning to propose expanded habitat protections this year for the whales' foraging areas off the Washington, Oregon and California coasts. SeaWorld has also boosted its efforts to help the

southern resident orcas, pledging \$10 million to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Killer Whale Research and Conservation Program. "Our stance is to do research with our animals to try to help this population now, and that's what we're doing," said Todd Robeck, SeaWorld's vice president of conservation research. "That's why I got into what I do — to try to help animals in the wild." Robeck is one of the lead authors on the review of SeaWorld's data, which included results of more than 2,800 blood tests on 32 whales from 1993 to 2013. Data from sick and pregnant whales were excluded to obtain a standard range for blood values, including cholesterol, platelet count, triglycerides and many other metrics. The whales were trained to present the underside of their tails for the blood draws, which were taken once or twice a month. The results show that most of the values don't differ much between male and female whales, but they do differ considerably with

age and season, Robeck said. The study suggests that orcas lose some immune function as they age. While there will be some difference between the values for captive and wild whales due to differences in climate, diet and other factors, the research provides a template for understanding the whales, Robeck said. Further, the values may be compared to data from blow samples or fecal samples to provide even greater insight, he said. Among the ongoing research projects at SeaWorld is studying the extent to which toxins that build up in the whales due to pollution are transferred to calves from their mothers. "It's something that could only be done with our animals," Robeck said. "It's an example of how we are dedicated to participating in the wellbeing of killer whales in the Pacific Northwest and around the world, and how research with our animals is vital in answering some of these questions about how to address the needs of the animals in the wild." □

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'Courage' special brings author Brené Brown to Netflix

By KRISTIN M. HALL

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) —

Brené Brown's books on shame, vulnerability and courage have given her A-list fans like Oprah and Melinda Gates and made her a go-to leadership consultant for both Pixar and the Seattle Seahawks.

But Brown, a research professor at the University of Houston's Graduate College of Social Work, thought she'd spend her career writing for other academics, not making the New York Times' best-seller list.

"My goal was to put it in peer-reviewed articles that no one would read but like five people and they would just read it to check to make sure they were quoted," Brown told The Associated Press from her home in Houston.

Five best-selling books later, Brown is debuting her first Netflix special on Friday, "Brené Brown: The Call to Courage," based off her two decades of research. The special is a bit of an experiment for the stream-



Research professor Brené Brown, star of the Netflix special "Brené Brown: The Call to Courage," poses for a portrait at Netflix's Hollywood offices, Tuesday, April 16, 2019, in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

ing service, whose categories Brown doesn't neatly fit into.

"Am I comedy? Documentary? True crime?" Brown joked.

Brown's skill as a writer and speaker is that she doesn't sound like a typical self-help or leadership expert

who is shouting motivational speaker mantras. She has a researcher's mind for patterns and a storyteller's gift of language. She peppers her talks with plenty of Texas colloquialisms, like "There's nothing in the middle of the road but white stripes and dead armadil-

los." She tells personal anecdotes about her kids and her husband to illustrate her broader ideas about parenting, compassion, leadership and more.

"People will come up to me and say, 'I already knew everything you said. I just didn't have the language

to say it. I didn't know we were allowed to talk about it,'" said Brown. "And so I think I just put language around feelings and experiences and thoughts that we all have."

She can also curse like a true Southern lady, which is just enough to set people at ease and give them a laugh. "Not like Andrew Dice Clay," she said. "An appropriate amount of cursing."

In the special she talks about her 2010 speech on vulnerability that has become one of the most watched TED Talk speeches, now viewed about 39 million times. Her most recent book, "Dare to Lead: Brave Work. Tough Conversations. Whole Hearts," is a playbook for leading with empathy.

When asked about leadership qualities she hopes to see among candidates for the upcoming 2020 U.S. presidential election, Brown took a long pause.

"I am one-inch away from being completely disenchanted with politics but I'm holding on. □

Swole, buzzy, among new words in Merriam-Webster dictionary

By MARK PRATT

Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Get swole, prepare a bug-out bag, grab a go-cup and maybe you'll have a better chance of surviving the omnicide.

Translation: Hit the gym and bulk up, put a bunch of stuff essential for survival in an easy-to-carry bag, grab a drink for the road, and perhaps you'll live through a man-made disaster that could wipe out the human race.

Swole, bug-out bag, go-cup and omnicide are just a few of the 640 additions to Merriam-Webster's dictionary added Monday.

Deciding what gets included is a painstaking process involving the Springfield, Massachusetts-based company's roughly two dozen lexicographers, said Peter Sokolowski, Merriam-Webster's editor at large.

They scan online versions of newspapers, magazines,

academic journals, books and even movie and television scripts until they detect what he calls "a critical mass" of usage that warrants inclusion.

The words are added to the online dictionary first, before some are later added to print updates of the company's popular Collegiate Dictionary, which according to company spokeswoman Meghan Lunghi, has sold more than 50 million copies since 1898, making it the "best-selling hardcover book after the Bible."

"So many people use our website as their principal dictionary and we want it to be current," Sokolowski said. "We want to be as useful as possible."

The latest additions include mostly new words, or phrases, but also some old words with new meanings or applications.

Take unplug and snow-

flake, for example. Unplug means to literally tug an electric plug from a wall socket, but now, it also has a more metaphorical meaning, as in to disconnect from social media, he said.

And yes, a snowflake is still a beautiful ice crystal that floats from the sky during winter, but it now also has a usually disparaging meaning of "someone who is overly sensitive," according to Merriam-Webster's definition.

Some of the words have been around for decades, but are included in the dictionary because of increased usage.

Omnicide, which means "the destruction of all life," dates to the Cold War and was used in reference to the threat of nuclear annihilation, but lately it has been used to define the risk of other man-made disasters, primarily climate change.



In this Nov. 16, 2012, file photo, Egyptian body builder Moustafa Ismail lifts free weights during his daily workout in Milford, Mass.

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Popular culture —movies, TV and sports — is a common source of new words, such as buzzy, an adjective that literally means creating a buzz, such as a "buzzy new movie."

And then there's EGOT, a noun that refers to an entertainer who has won an Emmy, a Grammy, an Oscar and a Tony. Audrey

Hepburn, Marvin Hamlisch, Mel Brooks and Whoopi Goldberg are among the elite group.

Garbage time, those painful final minutes of a game when one team has an insurmountable lead and both teams empty their benches, has been around since 1960, but is on the latest list of new words. □

Marvel closes a decade-long story with 'Avengers: Endgame'

By **LINDSEY BAHR**
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — About five years ago, Marvel Studios president Kevin Feige found himself on a retreat in Palm Springs plotting the future for the wild, experimental "cinematic universe" that he helped start in 2008. He wanted to do something that they hadn't done. He wanted an ending. And after a quick pitch to

Robert Downey Jr., he, directors Anthony and Joe Russo and screenwriters Christopher Markus and Stephen McFeely, started plotting a way to bring this saga to a close, brainstorming whenever they had a moment — even in between takes of "Captain America: Civil War." Anyone who saw "Avengers: Infinity War" knows they weren't kidding around either. Thanos literally dis-



This image released by Disney shows Robert Downey Jr. in a scene from "Avengers: Endgame." Associated Press

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OPENING APRIL 25: AVENGERS: ENDGAME, SOLTERAS INDISPONIBLES

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solved half of humanity, including Spider-Man and Black Panther in an event known as "the snap" that's inspired tears, memes and more fan theories than the internet can hold. Talk about a cliffhanger. Endings are a rarity in the franchise movie-making business; especially when one's popularity has only multiplied as the movies of Marvel have. But Marvel Studios, which has never shied away from a little rule-breaking, is taking a sledgehammer to that old "don't leave money on the table" maxim, and audiences will finally be able to see how they do it when "Avengers: Endgame" opens nationwide on April 25. "(Ending) is not a scary word," Feige said. "It's a necessary word." What exactly that means for the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) is something of a state secret. Feige said that this will be "definitive," though. "People can debate and discuss what that means before they see the movie," Feige said. "But for us that means bringing to a conclusion the first three phases, the first 22 films in the MCU, so that everything thereafter is a new start." So "new" in fact that Feige won't even discuss what's to come beyond the July release of "Spider-Man: Far From Home." He won't confirm reportedly in-the-works projects like the "Black Widow" stand-alone, "The Eter-

nals" or "Shang-Chi," or talk about plans for the 20th Century Fox properties like "Deadpool" and "X-Men" that are now under his purview. They have the next five years mapped out; they're just not letting audiences peek behind the curtain until after "Endgame." It's that big. "How we leave 'Endgame' will help define where we're going for many people," Feige said. But how does one talk about a movie that no press has seen and no actors or creators are allowed to discuss in detail? Well, carefully and cryptically. We know some things. That the heroes left like Iron Man (Downey Jr.), Captain America (Chris Evans), Black Widow (Scarlett Johansson), Thor (Chris Hemsworth), Hulk (Mark Ruffalo) and War Machine (Don Cheadle) are dealing with the devastating loss post-snap while trying to figure out what to do with Thanos. A helpful "Avenge the Fallen" campaign served as a reminder of who survived and who didn't (some of the dusted were even a surprise, like "Black Panther's" Shuri). We also know they have a new weapon in Brie Larson's Captain Marvel, who Samuel L. Jackson's Nick Fury managed to page before dissolving into dust. Will characters die, though? Probably. Will the ones lost in "the snap," remain gone? Unclear (al-

though some who have upcoming movies, like, say Spider-Man, won't). But the cast and filmmakers aren't giving anything up, or even commenting on the fact that this might be the last of Evans as Captain America, which the actor himself tweeted about months ago. "I still don't know what happens in this movie," said Larson, who actually even filmed her scenes in "Endgame" before "Captain Marvel," which came out earlier this year. Filming proved an emotional experience for many of the actors, a lot of whom have now been working together for almost a decade or more. "I was pretty teary-eyed," Evans said. "This is the culmination of a really long endeavor. It kind of wraps up the journey for a lot of these characters." It led to a lot of reflection, about where they started and how they've grown. Johansson noted that she'd been developing her character for 10 years now, and is excited that Black Widow has evolved from a "sexy secretary" type to a more fully realized woman. "The whole shoot felt pretty nostalgic," Hemsworth added. "We were constantly talking about when it all started to how we pulled this off and what we were a part of." But he also admits he was "kind of happy to get off the set." An eight month shoot can wear even on Thor. □

Prince memoir 'The Beautiful Ones' coming out in the fall

By **HILLEL ITALIE**
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The memoir Prince was working on at the time of his death is coming out Oct. 29. Random House confirmed Monday to The Associated Press that "The Beautiful Ones" will combine a Prince unfinished manuscript with rare photos, scrapbooks and lyrics. First announced just weeks before his 2016 death, the 288-page book will include an introduction by Dan Piepenbring, whom Prince had chosen as a collaborator. The memoir is an exclusive partnership with the Prince Estate. "The Beautiful Ones" is the deeply personal account of how Prince Rogers Nelson became the Prince we know: the real-time story of a kid absorbing the world around him and creating a persona, an artistic vision, and a life, before the hits and the fame that would come to define him," Random House announced.



In this Nov. 22, 2015, file photo, Prince presents the award for favorite album - Soul/R&B at the American Music Awards in Los Angeles.

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"The book will span from Prince's childhood to his early years as a musician to the cusp of international stardom, using Prince's own writings, a scrapbook of his personal photos, and the original handwritten lyric sheets for many of his most iconic songs, which he kept at Paisley Park. The book depicts Prince's evolution through deeply revealing, never-before-shared images and memories and culminates with his original handwritten treatment for his masterwork, 'Purple

Rain." Piepenbring's introduction will touch upon Prince's final days, "a time when Prince was thinking deeply about how to reveal more of himself and his ideas to the world, while retaining the mystery and mystique he'd so carefully cultivated." Piepenbring, whom Prince had called "my brother Dan" and "not a yes man at all," is a Paris Review advisory editor who also contributes to The New Yorker.

Prince died three years ago, on April 21, from an accidental overdose of fentanyl at the age of 57. During a Manhattan nightclub appearance in March 2016, he told the audience that "The good people of Random House have made me an offer that I can't refuse." He promised the book would start with his "first memory" and "hopefully" continue to his rain-drenched Super Bowl halftime performance in 2007. □

'Young and the Restless' honors Kristoff St. John, his work

By **LYNN ELBER**
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — As "The Young and the Restless" head writer Josh Griffith screened the episode in which Neil Winters' family learns of his death, the tears began to flow. Viewers might brace for a similar reaction when the CBS daytime serial says farewell to Neil and to Kristoff St. John, the actor who played the character for nearly three decades. St. John, who died at age 52 in February of heart disease, helped cement the prominence of major African-American characters in the traditionally white soap opera world. During a four-episode story arc airing Tuesday through Friday, Neil's friends and family gather in fictional Genoa City to remember the businessman whose full life included complicated relationships and a battle with alcoholism. People need "to prepare themselves for a very pro-



This image released by CBS shows Kristoff St. John who portrays Neil Winters on the CBS series "The Young and the Restless."

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foundly emotional journey over those four days, and have lots of boxes of Kleenex right by," Griffith said. "But in the end, as we knew that Kristoff would want it, it goes from being a passing of him to a celebration of his life." Shemar Moore, star of CBS' prime-time series "S.W.A.T.," returns to what fans know as "Y&R" for two episodes as Malcolm Winters, Neil's brother. Other returning alumni include Christel Khalil and Eileen Davidson, while Stan Shaw, St. John's

longtime friend and co-star in "Roots: The Next Generations," appears as the reverend at Neil's funeral.

A special airing April 29 (12:30 p.m. EDT) will pay tribute to St. John and his nearly 28-year tenure on "Y&R" with clips from the show and current and former cast member sharing memories of him, including Victoria Rowell, who played Neil's wife Drucilla for a number of years.

It was six years ago that the serial honored another beloved star, Jeanne Cooper, who died at 84 in 2013 after playing Katherine Chancellor for nearly 40 years. "Y&R" owed the same to St. John, said Griffith, co-executive producer of the serial.

"We had to, for his sake, for his legacy. He was so important to the show, so important to daytime television," he said. "To television, period."

The actor didn't trumpet his part in advancing on-screen inclusivity, even if others did. □

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